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THE VIEWPOINT

OF THE SOCIALIST APPLIED TO CURRENT EVENTS.

**The Significance of The German Elec-
tions—The Contradictory "Age Limit"
—A Count On American Aristocracy—
An Animalistic Social System—The
Bourgeoisie Commerce Commission;
and Others.**

If the opinion of the Berlin "Vor-
warts," central organ of the German
Social Democracy, turns true, and the
party's vote of this year "is far in ex-
cess of that of 1903," then, despite the
party's heavy loss of seats in the Reich-
stag, the party will have won a popular
victory. Whichever way the facts turn
out to be, this election in Germany will
be found fraught with significance—for
the true cause of the true Revolution, in
America as well as in Germany.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has raised
the "age limit" from 35 to 40 years at
which an employe may be taken. Thus
the "dead line" is pushed off 5 years.
The previous "dead line" was said to be
"in the interest of the public." In
whose interest is the change?

Count de Mandat-Grancey is on the
right track. Lecturing on the subject
of "American Aristocracy" in Paris on
the 31st of this month, he concluded
that "the solution of the present social
problem in the United States will be
either Socialism or Aristocratic Domi-
nation. The Count's instinct was correct
when he gave Socialism the right of
way in his alternative.

If, as Chancellor Day of Syracuse
claims, "trust investigators are yelping
vovles," then the Day "trust defenders
must be barking hounds." A cheerful
social system that is which divides so-
ciety into wolves and hounds.

Roosevelt's chipper chicks met in
Jamaica with what they are bound to
meet elsewhere, and with increasing
frequency. This thing of landing armed
forces on foreign territory "in the in-
terest of humanity" and starting "to do
things" will not be tolerated every-
where as it was tolerated in Panama
and Santo Domingo.

Well did the sister of Corey, the Presi-
dent of the Steel Trust, say that a rich
man's home was not the proper place to
bring up a boy. Here is the eldest son
of Mrs. Marshall Field, a lad who would
have but to choose any noble avocation
in the world, deliberately choosing as his
ideal a post in the military service of
Great Britain. Such is the effect of the
atmosphere produced by wealth acquired
in the ways of capitalism.

The Interstate Commerce Commission
forgets and never learns. It is new big
with the plan to "free the coal mines
from railroad control" by the ingeniously
stupid contrivance of a law that shall
restrict the ownership of mines by rail-
road companies. Does the Interstate
Commerce Commission forget that rail-
road directors have wives, cousins, sisters
and aunts, and will the Interstate Com-
merce Commission never learn that, through
these relatives railroad companies can
own all the mines they need and
operate them to suit themselves?

No candle should be allowed to be hid-
den under a bushel. In order to make
sure that the candle of Editor Chas.
Dold be given full chance to shine, we
take it from under the bushel of his
"Piano, Organ and Musical Instrument
Workers' Journal" and here hold it up
in the open. In his last November issue
this brilliant candle occurs:

"We are sorry for De Leon, the poor
old skate. Now that the Western Fed-
eration of Miners have withdrawn from
the Industrial Workers of the World,
there is nothing left but De Leon and his
Halo of vification. We say poor old
De Leon, 'Tis sad but only too true."

The latest act in the Panama Canal
Swindle Tragedy is the sudden resignation
of the Chairman of the Panama Canal
Commission, Theodore Shonta, to accept
the Presidency of the Ryan-Belmont
Interborough Railroad Company. One may
imagine the shallowness of interest in
the Panama Canal scheme, and the utter
valuelessness of the enthusiasm therefor,
all along manifested by a man who drops
its management as he would a night
shirt, to don the management of another

concern. Thus scandal follows scandal,
and the plot of the Panama Canal Swin-
dle Tragedy hastens to its closing act.

Capitalism, by its perversion of labor
and invention to private profit, is turn-
ing civilization into a holocaust. Twen-
ty-five dead in a train wreck at Fowler,
Ind., is its latest contribution in this
direction.

Chancellor Day's characterization of
the poor as drunks and idlers is topsy-
turvy. The drunks and idlers are in
the capitalist class from whom he draws
his salary. For their benefit real estate
and other trusts are devised in law; and
private sanatoria dot the most beautiful
portions of the country. The poor are
required by the railroad and other cor-
porations of the country which employ
them to abstain from drink. For this
abstinence they each receive yearly on
the average not enough wages to pay
the ordinary drink bills of the extra-
ordinary "lusers" for whom (Chancellor
Day speaks with such disinterested valor,
As for idling, the poor are driven at their
work at such terrific speed, that more
than 500,000 of them are annually killed
or injured at their labors. Chancellor
Day, in the language of the modern clas-
sics, is "off his nut," rendered insane
by the donations from Mr. Archbold,
Standard Oil vice-president, that his
ravings generally bring.

LECTURE OPENING SUCCESSFUL.

Arlington Hall Filled—Brilliant Ad-
dress by Frank Bohn.

The series of winter lectures to be
given at Arlington Hall, East Eighth
street, under the auspices of Section
New York, Socialist Labor Party, was
inaugurated under the most favorable
circumstances January 23. The hall
was filled to its seating capacity, largely
by strangers. The audience, among
whom were many women, listened to
the brilliant and instructive introduc-
tory lecture, entitled "The Labor Pro-
cess," delivered in an able manner by
Frank Bohn, the National Secretary of
the Socialist Labor Party. Bohn ex-
plained that the lecture was introduc-
tory to a series of five lectures based
on Marx' Value, Price and Profit, that
was intended to popularize the latter
work, in accordance with a suggestion
made by the late John J. Kinnane. The
introductory lecture treated of the
labor process under primitive com-
munist, chattel slavery, feudalism and
capitalism, showing the causes that
gave rise to the labor process in these
various epochs, together with its so-
ciological results, the whole closing
with a glowing prospect of the labor
process of the future.

At the close many questions were
asked, most of them directly relating
to the various phases of the subject;
and all of them indicative of the in-
terest created. A collection netting
\$10.58 was taken up.

Sam French acted as chairman, mak-
ing appropriate remarks and calling
attention to the party press, literature
and organization.

The lecture adjourned with the au-
dience well pleased.

Justus Ebert lectured on "Early Amer-
ican Labor Organizations," on January
30. The lectures will continue every
Wednesday evening.

Bohn will deliver the second lecture
of his series on February 6.

GOLDFIELD MINERS

Contribute Five Hundred Dollars to In-
dustrial Workers of the World.

Goldfield, Nev., January 18.—At the
last meeting of Goldfield Miners' Union
five hundred dollars were contributed to
the striking I. W. W. cooks and waiters,
and five hundred dollars to Wm. E.
Trautmann and General Executive Board
to help organize the workers in the In-
dustrial Workers of the World.

An I. W. W. Miner.

O'NEILL TURNED DOWN.

Schenectady I. W. W. Demonstratively
Stays Away From His Meeting.

Schenectady, N. Y., January 27.—John
M. O'Neill, editor of the Miners' Maga-
zine, addressed a meeting here in the
middle of last week, ostensibly on the
Moyer-Haywood outrage. It was a frost,
barely 60 men attending. This is not to
be construed as an indication of indiffer-
ence on the part of the I. W. W. here
toward the fate of their brothers in the
West. All of our 3,200 members are
deeply interested in the case; the small
attendance at the meeting was merely a
spontaneous turning down of O'Neill.

CRITICAL TO AMERICAN LABOR.

For some time the rumor has been
afloat that Gompers "was to organize
national indignation meetings" in order
to secure justice at the trial of Moyer,
Haywood and Pettibone; the rumor has
been gathering shape from month to
month; the December "Socialist Party
Official Bulletin" announced the hold-
ing of secret meetings looking to the
calling together of a national confer-
ence of Trades Unions "under the
auspices of the American Federation
of Labor"; finally, the Central Feder-
ated Union of this city, a Gompers or-
ganization, took, at its session of the
20th instant, the concrete step in that
direction. A motion was unanimously
adopted "calling upon President Gom-
pers to summon as soon as possible
a national convention of representative
workmen to secure the ways and
means that may guarantee the prison-
ers [Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone]
an impartial trial and give them the
benefit of proper counsel."

The fix in which a capitalist conspi-
racy has placed the prisoners of Ada
County Jail is precarious enough.
When, however, the bat-like figure of
Samuel Gompers, the Vice-President of
Belmont's Civic Federation, rises above
the horizon, and spreads its clawy sable
wings over the heads of these much-
tried prisoners, then, not the fate of
these men only, but the fate of the
whole Working Class of America is
darkened by a heavy cloud.

Concede the circumstances and the
issue most favorable to a conference of
Labor "under the auspices" of Gom-
pers. Concede that a conference of
Labor "under such auspices" would
result in the merited acquittal of all
the three men, and that, in the absence
of a conference "under such auspices,"
all the three men would become the
victims of a judicial murder;—concede
that, the extreme case possible, and
what would be the result? The result
would be that the Gooding- McDonald
National Conspiracy, with its ramifica-
tions in every State of the Union,
would have purchased from Gompers
the right to slaughter workmen
wholesale. That National Conspiracy
would have purchased from Gompers

immunity to resume the sport of shoot-
ing down in the back whatever num-
ber of workers they chose when on
strike. It would be a repetition of the
appalling scene history tells about that
took place on an island of the Rhone,
we think it was, when, upon the
death of Caesar, the triumvirate that
was about to despoilize the world ex-
changed lives among themselves—each
granting to the other two the privilege
to sacrifice the lives of some of his
own friends, in exchange for the right
granted to him by them to sacrifice the
lives of some of their friends. Moyer,
and Pettibone we know little; Hay-
wood we know better. When recently
the proposition was made to Haywood
that he withdraw from the political
contest in Colorado, with the veiled
promise of acquittal, his indignant an-
swer was he would SOONER WALK
TO THE GALLOWS THAN BETRAY
THE WORKING CLASS. Upon the
theory that

In companions
That do converse and waste the time
together.

Whose souls do bear an equal yoke of
love,
There must be needs a like proportion
Of lineaments, of manners and of spirit,

the conclusion is justified that Hay-
wood's sentiments are also Moyer's and
Pettibone's. So concluding, it is un-
imaginable these men would consent
to purchase their lives by contributing
directly or indirectly towards the re-
laxing of the American Labor Move-
ment into the charnel house over which
Gompers hovers as the sable genius of
that pit.

Moreover, the circumstances are by
no means those just assumed, to wit,
that only a conference of Labor "under
the auspices of Gompers" can save the
three innocent lives now in jail. A
comprehensive view of the circum-
stances point, on the contrary, to the
theory that nothing will so steel the
nerves of the would-be capitalist as-
sassins as the established fact that,
thanks to their crimes, Gompers has
been enabled to place his hook in the

INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL

SHOWS WHAT CAN BE DONE TO
ENTHUSE THE RANK AND FILE.

Attendance of General Membership Lar-
ger Than Ever Before—Mexican Rail-
way Workers Desire Closer Con-
nection With I. W. W.—Two New Branch
Locals Added to New York Roster.

The meeting of the New York Indus-
trial Council held Thursday, January 24,
at 222 East 29th street, showed what can
be done by revolutionary organization
built on the proper lines, to wake up the
rank and file of the unions and the work-
ing class generally. Never before has
there been so large an attendance of I.
W. W. members exclusive of delegates,
and the interest and enthusiasm with
which the proceedings of the Council
were followed augurs well for the growth
of the movement in this stronghold of
capitalism and Gompersism.

The regular report of National Orga-
nizer Fischer was, as usual, chock full
of the most hopeful and encouraging
information. The Beller cloak strike in
this city is in excellent condition, and
the opposition can hardly be maintained
by Beller for another week. Two new
musicians' locals have been added to the
roster in spite of the disruptive efforts
of Sherman's weather-vane organizer of
last year.

The news from Chicago is even better.
Sherman's kangaroo headquarters is on
its last legs; the one half-baked issue
of the pirated "Industrial Worker" ap-
peared only because the last convention
settled all the bills run up on the paper;
where the next issue is coming from, no
one knows. The Industrial Bulletin, on
the other hand, will be made a weekly
paper, just what the organization needed
to keep its membership posted and in
close touch with headquarters, and will
begin regular issuance in February.

From Chicago also comes the infor-
mation that the Mexican United Railway
Workers in convention assembled a week
ago, sent greetings to the I. W. W., ap-
plied for literature, and asked for a
correspondence with that body looking
to either direct affiliation or mutual rela-

tions and recognition of cards. "We
believe your form of organization the
only correct one," they wrote, "and ad-
mire you firm stand for the right in
your last convention." Secretary Traut-
mann is pushing the plan suggested to
as early an accomplishment as possible.

A widely distributed debate occurred
on the formation of a Jewish organizing
board or committee, to take the place, as
a center of propaganda work, of the now
dissolved Jewish sub-council. That such
a body was necessary was fully evident
to every delegate present. The discus-
sion was over the best methods of build-
ing up the body. Finally the matter
was given over to the Organization
Committee of the Council, with full
power to proceed with the organization
of a Jewish organization committee, to
be under the jurisdiction of the commit-
tee representing the Council.

As a great deal of important business
including the election of officers, was
crowded out by the matters which did
come up, it was decided to hold an ad-
joined meeting the following Thursday.
If the interest in the work keeps grow-
ing in the future as it has been lately,
New York will be making some of
the other cities containing I. W. W.
Councils, "sit up and take notice."

BUFFALO UNITY CONFERENCE.

Local 43, I. W. W. Starts the Ball Rolling
With Good Results.

Buffalo, January 23.—The Socialist
Unity Conference met at International
Hall on Jan. 22, and elected E. Hauk
permanent chairman and S. L. Brooks
Secretary. Motions were carried to the
effect that the different organizations
invited to join the Conference should
hold a discussion to take place at the
Socialist Party's Headquarters, the first
Monday in February.

The subject of the discussion is to be
"How shall the working class organize
in order to emancipate itself?" The follow-
ing rules were adopted: The time given
each speaker shall be ten minutes and
this shall be the limit unless an exten-
sion is granted by the voice of the whole
Conference. Also that no person not a
member of one of the invited organiza-
tions shall be allowed to take part in
the discussion.

This Unity Conference was called
largely through the efforts of I. W. W.
No. 43, of Buffalo, and the following or-

nose and his bride in the mouth of
American Labor, at the very time
that hook and bridle were
slipping. A conference of the
Working Class of the land "under the
auspices of Gompers" would patentize
the fact that Belmont's labor lieutenant
—the ominous figure, under whose bat
wings the working class of the land
has been led to repeated slaughters,
and kept un-taught and ripe for fur-
ther slaughters—controls the acts of
Labor.

A monster conference of the Unions
of the land?—Bravo! The sinking of
all differences and of all heartburnings
that differences engender?—Certainly!
But "under the auspices" of GOM-
PERS?—Why, the identical wires, that
connect Gooding-McDonald with the
McParlands and Orchards, connect
with Belmont's Vice-President and the
parlor of Mrs. Potter Palmer. He who
knows not this knows nothing; he
who knows this and yet would shut his
eyes to the fact is a fatuous fool. The
fact is too obvious to need proving
even by the significant circumstance
that the mover of the motion at the
Central Federated Union was none
other than the Morris Braun—the wor-
thy whose relations with the brewery
bosses, black as those relations were,
were eclipsed not quite two years ago
when, as a committee "in behalf" of the
striking employes of Belmont's subway
and elevated roads, he declared the
"strikers had done wrong" in that
"they had broken their contracts!"—
the worthy whose infamous lieutenant-
ship for Gompers raised such a howl
in this city that even the participant
in, and profitor by his crimes, the
Volkszeitung Corporation party, felt
constrained to drop him from its ticket
on which he had become a fixture!

Let all the Unions—A. F. of L., I. W.
W., and the numerous not affiliated
ones—unite in a monster National
Conference to push, watch, safeguard
the trial of our brothers in Idaho, but
not to push, watch and safeguard the
interests of Belmont's fraternity, as
would be the inevitable result of such
a conference "under the auspices of
Gompers."

DOUBLE PROTEST

BLOODY SUNDAY AND MOYER-HAY-
WOOD MEETINGS COMBINED.

Chicago Revolutionary Organizations
Unite to Honor Memory of Russian
Working class Dead, and to Aid in Pre-
venting Massacre of Americans—Wil-
liam E. Trautmann Carries Audience
With Him in Powerful Speech—"The
Doughnut Brigade" on Deck, Middle
Class Leaders Stay Snug at Home.

Chicago, January 24.—The Russian
Democratic Society, Social Revolutionists,
the Bund, the Socialist Terrorists and
Local No. 85, I. W. W., arranged a monster
mass meeting in commemoration of their
slaughtered fellow workers in far off
Russia and to protest against the at-
tempted murder of Industrial Unionists
in this supposedly "Free America." The
meeting was held at Metropolitan Hall,
in the heart of the Ghetto, on Sunday,
January 20. Chairman J. Spielman an-
nounced Mrs. L. Lewis as the first speaker.
She delivered a lengthy address in
English. Fellow-worker Kamowsky, who
recently arrived from the field of battle,
then took the floor and warmed those
present by giving a short history of "Red
Sunday" and also asked those who slip-
ped the clutches of the "Little Father,"
not to remain inactive or indifferent to
the despotic actions of our American
Czars.

But it remained for William E. Traut-
mann to be asked to participate:
The S. P., S. L. P., Hungarian Socialist
Federation, Arbeiter Ring, Socialist
Woman's Branch, Bebel Club, Bund, Jew-
ish Club, Russian Club, and the Polish
Branch of the I. W. W.

THE MOYER-HAYWOOD TRIAL.

The Daily People will publish tele-
graphic reports of the Moyer-Haywood
trial, by Wade R. Parks. These reports
will not be stenographic, but will con-
tain the important and leading features.
They will be re-published in the Weekly
People. The date of the trial has not
been definitely settled, as yet; so it is
impossible to state when the publica-
tion of the reports will begin. As soon
as the trial begins the reports will also
begin.

mann to arouse the audience to enthu-
siasm. His speech, delivered in German,
was superb. He showed up the slick and
traitorous Gaps of Russia and their
counterparts in America. He showed
that to come and ask justice from rulers,
be they czars or economic masters, is
always answered by insults and bullets,
but to organize along industrial lines for
our emancipation, will command respect,
fear, and eventually mean the attain-
ment of the goal, the Industrial Com-
monwealth. Prolonged applause follow-
ed this telling point, and when the
speaker mentioned St. John, the Little
Giant of the West, who was hunted, ar-
rested and finally driven out of Idaho and
Colorado because he organized the slaves
of the mines, the crowd cheered to the
echo.

Although Trautmann intended to use
the 25 minutes allotted him, he gave away
at this point to fellow-worker J. P.
Thompson, who in his cool, logical, and
convincing way, held his hearers down to
close attention, frequently interrupted
by outbursts of approval, especially when
he remarked that the emancipation of
the working class can only be
brought about by an organization of, by
and for the working class, without any
affiliation with any political party.

At the suggestion of the arrangement
committee, our Jewish comrade from
Russia made an eloquent appeal for
funds. The Independent Cloakmakers
won the people by donating \$10 to the
Moyer-Haywood Defense Fund. The
money collected amounted to about \$30.

Mrs. L. Parsons then arose to speak;
her remarks were also well received.
Mrs. Lillian Forberg, our lady orator
when called upon again enthused the
proletaires of the Ghetto. She pointed
out the determination of the Russian
nobles across the sea as well as our home
product the Mine Owners and other cap-
italists to crush by brutal treatment of
those who fight for labor's cause, labor's
aspiration to free itself from the yoke
of slavery. Not only those in official po-
sitions are singled out for punishment,
but also workers of the rank and file are
made to feel the wrath of our masters
by being blacklisted and deported. This
case is not only the case of Moyer, Hay-
wood and Pettibone, but of all who stand
for the overthrow of despotism of every
kind. The only hope of the working
class throughout the world lies in an
organization of workers whose aim is
to take and hold that which labor pro-
duces. Only so organized, can we hope
to achieve victory over our masters, be
they czars or economic kings.

One remarkable feature of this meet-
ing was the general and unusual approv-
al given to all I. W. W. speakers. Al-
though late, the entire crowd stayed to
listen to two more speakers, one in Jew-
ish and the other in Russian; both of
whom did justice to the occasion.

The following resolution was adopted,
without a dissenting voice:—

Whereas, the capitalists of the west
have conspired to crush the organization
of "labor," and to this end have brushed
aside all pretense of justice, setting at
naught the rights of habeas corpus trial
by jury and the other bulwarks of free-
dom they so loudly proclaim exist, and
have kidnapped three members of our
class, and are seeking to murder them,
not because they are Moyer, Haywood
and Pettibone, but because they repre-
sent an organization which stands un-
compromisingly for the economic in-
terests of the working class; and

Whereas, If these men are saved, it
must be by the united efforts of the
working class, therefore be it

Resolved that we members of the
working class in mass meeting assembled
call on all wage earners of this coun-
try to unite as a class and use every
effort to save our brothers from the gal-
lows which the capitalists are erecting
for them."

Amid cheers for the Social Revolution,
and for Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone
and St. John, and the singing of the
Marseillaise, the meeting adjourned.

Sussman, who was to be chairman,
Siskind and "I. A. M. Simons," who were
asked and consented to speak, did not
show up. But the "proletarian rabble"
could well get along without them. The
collection might seem small for such a
crowd, but the people of the Ghetto are
continuously contributing. They give
much more than those who call them
"beggars," "tramps," and "doughnut bri-
gade." Those people will be found in
our ranks at the critical hour, the same
as in Russia, when the O'Neills, Sted-
mans, "I. A. M. Simonses" and other self-
appointed leaders go into hiding, to crawl
out after the smoke of battle has dis-
appeared, to tell the workers "I told you
how to do it."

CONGRESSIONAL

TWO CURIOUS BILLS, ONE IN THE
HOUSE 'TOTHER IN THE
SENATE.

While Enjoying the Breeze on Top of
the Social Coach, and Improving the
Softness of Their Seats by a Raise
of Their Salaries, Congressmen In-
troduce Two Bills to "Investigate"
the Condition of Workingmen and
Working Children.

Leaving aside as not truly economic
the time taken up by Congress last week
in passing a bill that increases the sal-
aries of Senators and Representatives
from \$5,000 to \$7,500, and the salaries
of the Speaker and the Vice-President
from \$8,000 to \$12,000 respectively, a
case of pure "grab," Congress had and
continues to have before it two bills of
prime economic importance. One is the bill
passed by the House authorizing the Secre-
tary of Commerce and Labor to "investigate
and report upon the industrial, social,
moral, educational and physical condition
of women and child workers in the United
States," the other is a bill in the
Senate, introduced by Senator Beveridge
to limit child labor by means of Federal
statutes.

The debate in House and Senate on
these two bills ran across the gamut of
the impassioned in some few instances,
the "critically scientific" in others, and
the coldly hostile in yet a third set of
instances. Different, however, as the
keys may have seemed in which these
several speeches were pitched, they were
in fact all pitched in one and the same
fundamental key. A bird's-eye view of
the debates can be reproduced no better
than by reproducing here the masterly
picture drawn by the master hand of the
author of "Looking Backward" in his
description of the morality and intellec-
tual plane of the class which had con-
trived to live by the mysterious process
of "the without consumption, of the without
without combustion," in other words by
investing a little, living in idleness on
that, and, at the end of the song having
a larger original accumulation than when
they started. Bellamy said:

"I can do no better than to compare
society as it then was [our own days] to
a prodigious coach which the masses of
humanity were harnessed to and dragged
toilsomely along a very hilly and sandy
road. The driver was hunger, and per-
mitted no lagging, though the pace was
necessarily very slow. Despite the diffi-
culty of drawing the coach at all along
so hard a road, the top was covered with
passengers who never got down, even at
the steepest ascents. These seats on top
were very breezy and comfortable. Well
up out of the dust, their occupants could
enjoy the scenery at their leisure, or
CRITICALLY DISCUSS THE MERITS
OF THE STRAINING TEAM."

The capitalist class, on the top of the
coach, or be it in House and Senate rep-
resented, "critically discussed" or pro-
posed to "investigate" the condition "in-
dustrial, social, moral, educational and
physical" of the women and children
harnessed to the coach, and who panting
in plain view for food and rest are drag-
ging the coach of society up the sandy
and hilly ground of—what?

HARTFORD, ATTENTION!

Owing to the circumstances that, it
the De Leon lecture on "Industrialism,"
announced to take place on next Feb.
3 in the afternoon at Parson's Theatre,
were held on that date, it would become
impossible for the Russian revolutionist,
Gregory Gerchouni, now in this country
on a short tour, to address the people of
Hartford, the De Leon meeting stands
postponed for two weeks by mutual ar-
rangement.

Accordingly, the address by Daniel De
Leon on "Industrialism" will be deliv-
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EXPLANATORY LETTER FROM HENRY LAURENS CALL.

Park Ave. Hotel, New York.
January 21, 1907.Frank Bohn,
Nat'l Secretary Socialist Labor Party,
New York, City.

Dear Sir:

I respectfully submit the following correction of the published reports relating to my paper, entitled "The Concentration of Wealth," read before the American Association for the Advancement of Science, at its recent session in New York City.

My estimate as to wealth concentration, is that one per cent. of the population of the United States, now own practically NINETY per cent. of the entire wealth of the nation.

This estimate is based upon a compilation referred to by Senator Ingalls upon the floor of the United States Senate, January 14, 1891, to the effect that 31,100 persons then owned 56 per cent. of the wealth of the nation. With this also substantially agrees (for the purpose of the estimate) the computations of Dr. Chas. B. Spahr, to the effect that one per cent. of our population, owned in 1890, 51 per cent. of the national wealth; and of Mr. Geo. K. Holmes, of the Census Bureau, to the effect that 3-100 of one per cent. of our population then owned 20 per cent. of our national wealth; as also numerous other authorities, substantially uncontradicted at the time, showing a general agreement upon the part of statisticians, that one per cent., or less than one per cent. of our population owned, in 1890, practically half the wealth of the nation.

I, however, insist that in order to make these statistics (of seventeen years ago) applicable to-day, allowance must first be made for the known increase, both in size and number of the enormous fortunes responsible for that condition; due in part to ordinary interest rates, but also, and especially, to trust formation, railway "reorganization," and other causes set forth at length in my article.

My estimate as to indebtedness, is based upon the census of 1890, giving our mortgage, bond, and general indebtedness, public and private, at that time, as \$18,027,170,546. The census of 1890 is reprehensibly silent upon this important subject; and, notwithstanding the excessive bonding of our corporations within this period, I have assumed that our indebtedness has increased only in the same proportion as our national wealth has itself increased; bringing the total at this date to, approximately, \$30,000,000,000.

I then continue:—"But the stocks of our railway, trust and other corporations, are expected to draw dividends, and constitute as truly an indebtedness upon the part of the public to the owners of wealth as do mortgages and bonds themselves; and these, under their present enormous over-capitalization, would perhaps double our debt burden; with the power given these corporations to levy a tax upon the industry and property of the nation, as extortionate in extent as were that debt burden to exceed, in fact, all the actual, tangible wealth of the nation." It will be seen, at a glance, that this is a vastly different statement from that attributed to me in the reports, to the effect that this indebtedness does in fact exceed all the actual, tangible, wealth of the nation.

In disproof of this estimate, as to wealth concentration, an enumeration is given of farms, homes, savings bank deposits, insurance policies, and even corporation stocks, in the possession of the people; while a distinguished financier disposes of my estimate as to indebtedness, by the assertion that "a share of stock in a corporation is not a debt in the economic sense of the term; but is simply the certificate of title to joint ownership in a valuable property"; and therefore concluded that this estimate is "intrinsically absurd."

But, however our financiers may settle this question to their own satisfaction, so far as the public is concerned the payment of dividends upon these stocks differs only in name from the payment of interest upon the bonds; and the public it is that pays both interest and dividends; even as it has already paid for the properties themselves, besides contributing to the enormous fortunes of the financiers in control.

What, indeed, is the preponderating part of the "valuable property," of which these stocks are "a certificate of title to" but the power given these corporations to tax the public upon all its products, supplies, and public services? This it is that has already compelled the public not only to pay for the properties, but also to build up the enormous fortunes of the exploiters of these corporations; and that now enables these financiers to recapitalize the properties at three, or even five, times their real worth. The sum of \$40,000,000,000 of these "securities" thus constitutes, in fact,

a first lien, or "blanket" mortgage, upon all the property of the nation; and not until this incumbrance is "lifted" can the farmer of other citizen be said, in any true sense, to own his farm or home; nor, until then, can any enumeration of farms or homes, as being "popularly owned," be considered at all conclusive upon this subject, or as substantially affecting my estimate of wealth concentration.

Nor yet can the people be said, to an appreciable extent, to be the proprietors of these corporations. If the wage earner has invested his hard-earned and scantily spared, savings in a share of corporation stock, it is because he has been lured, as in the case of the United States Steel Corporation, into the belief that his investment would be safe, as well as available in case of need. And with this well remembered exception, and perhaps two or three other operations of like character, the owners of these corporation stocks will, as a rule, be found very safely included within the 800,000 names, constituting the one per cent. of our population designed as the so-called "wealthy class," embraced in my estimate.

Nor yet can the items of savings bank deposits, and insurance policies extant, be said to argue the possession of wealth in the body of the people. The few dollars deposited in the savings bank, usually constitutes the sole dependence of the toiler and his family against sickness, the loss of employment, or any of the thousand and one vicissitudes of life that beset the "hand-to-mouth" existence of the great body of our population; and, it therefore remains, and is increased, as a precarious possession; even though the debts of the depositor may exceed, many times, the small pittance deposited. So also insurance is, again, almost the sole dependence of the toiler's family in case of his death; and is, therefore, taken out, and the premium paid, so long as the holder can beg or borrow a dollar, and regardless of every other obligation.

In order, then, to arrive at any just estimate as to wealth concentration, it will be necessary to place over against the farm or home or other assets of every citizen, not only his own individual liabilities, but also the proportion his property, labor, and living are compelled to bear of the enormous overcapitalization of our trusts, railways, and other corporations possessing monopoly, or taxing powers. Such overcapitalization is but the capitalization of the power of these corporations to compel this contribution; and as well might we omit the mortgage upon the farm or home, as to omit this item, from our estimate of the owner's solvency. Upon this, the only correct basis of computation, my estimate, of 10 per cent. of our national wealth as yet remaining with the body of the people, would seem to be a gross exaggeration.

These estimates, as also the conclusions drawn from them, are revolutionary of accepted notions; and I expect them to be bitterly assailed. As here given, however, they are, at least, what I intended to say, and am prepared to substantiate. Unfortunately, owing to a miscarriage in the mails, I did not receive the program of the Section, advising me that an abstract of my paper would be required, until the morning of the day the paper was to be read. The abstract was hastily dictated, and received from the stenographer as I was hurrying to the Association Hall, giving me no opportunity for correction. I, however, did, almost immediately after the paper was read, take the paper itself to the press headquarters; and was assured that this, instead of the abstract, would be made the basis of the reports.

By way of personal explanation, I desire to say that I am not a member of any Socialist party; nor in any sense its authorized spokesman. My interest in economic subjects is solely that of a student and writer; and so little desirous have I been enrolling my name with the "would-be-famous," or in the archives of "Who's Who in America," that practically all of my writings have been under a nom-de-plume. It was because the eminent scientists in charge of the economic section of the Association, were familiar with my writings, that communication was addressed to me requesting me to present a paper before the Association. My appearance before that honorable body was, therefore, not an accident; and it remains for a perusal of the article itself, to determine as to whether or not it is "scientific" in basis and character.

Yours very truly,
Henry Laurens Call.

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I. J. Jackson of Portland, Oregon, addressing A. C. Kihn, Secretary-Treasurer of the Press Security League as "comrade," says, "I presume I may call you such, although I do not belong to the Socialist Labor Party." Jackson explains that the financial secretary of Section Portland having to leave town he entrusted Jackson with collecting moving fund donations. Jackson turns in \$11.50 on List 211 and \$4 on List 212 (see acknowledgment elsewhere in this issue, under "Moving Fund"). He adds that more will follow; and concludes his letter thus:—

"I might also say that the members of the Socialist Party who belong to the Industrial Workers of the World here have been just as liberal as anyone else, and several of their names figure on the list. Our efforts are all directed to the building up of the I. W. W., but I do not think that there is a member here who does not realize that The People is the best and, I might also say, almost the only labor paper in the country."

"Wishing you all success and hoping to have the pleasure of reading The People for a long time to come, I remain yours for the Revolution,"

"J. Jackson."

II.

From Batesville, Ind., comes this little note:—

"A young man selling church entertainment tickets at 25 cents each approached a Weekly People subscriber, and asked him to buy a ticket. 'I don't want any,' was the reply. Then I approached the subscriber, pulled out the moving fund list. He read it and said eagerly 'I will give twenty-five cents.' This may not look big to you, but it shows that when the laboring men once learn who is their friend, they will aid him as much as they can."

III.

D. Ross of London, Ont., encloses five dollars and writes, "Most of the comrades here have already sent in their contributions. We all hope you may succeed in raising the required amount; but in case of failure come back to us again."

IV.

Frank Tobbets, our old friend of Rollinsford, N. H., sends in a dollar for the moving fund.

V.

From San Pedro, Cal., John Begovich, sends in \$4. He writes, "The boys here are well pleased with the article, 'Labor Betrayed,' in the Daily People, and the Weekly People of Dec. 22nd, dealing with Andrew Fureseth's doings in this port. The Daily and Weekly People are the only papers telling the truth to the working people and in their interests."

VI.

Frank Ahlberg, of Moline, Ill., sends in \$7.75. He writes:—

"The Swedish comrades here decided at their meeting to make a collection and give it to the moving fund in the name of the club."

"I am glad to see the comrades throughout the land realizing the importance of the press and coming to its rescue with their pennies and dollars. May it be kept up by them until sufficient is collected to take the worry away from those whom we have intrusted with its management."

At this writing the Moving Fund totals \$1342.20. This is \$650 short of the estimated amount required. There are still 400 lists to hear from. If these are properly circulated, the estimate will be more than covered. Push the Moving Fund.

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OPEN LETTER TO CHARLES O. SHERMAN

EX-PRESIDENT OF THE INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD.

South Manchester, Conn., Jan. 16.

Mr. Sherman:—I received Vol. II, No. 1 of the Industrial Worker, with the fac simile of the injunction against you therein; but why didn't you also put in a fac simile of the sluggers you hired to keep St. John and the regularly elected members of the General Executive Board out of our headquarters? Unfortunately, we are still living under the capitalist system, so that our comrades had no other means to get possession of our (the rank and file's) property, so your fling regarding the Injunction don't take, by any means, with men of common sense.

The Auditing Committee's report condemned you in the eyes of every honest workman and now you condemn yourself in the paper you send me. Even if the judge upheld you (which you know he did not do, but did just the opposite), that isn't to say that we, the rank and file, are going to be fools to uphold you, too.

You say the Western Federation of Miners endorsed you. That they did not do. I credit them with more sense to endorse you. I don't know if you are a capitalist tool, or the tool of a capitalist tool; but I do know that your little bunch was led by a tool of the Mine Owners' Association. The Mine Owners' Association is bent upon disbanding the Western Federation of Miners, as at present constituted. They will have their tools at the next W. F. of M. convention. I suppose you speculate on their winning out, but I think you will get left, for I think the Western Federation of Miners too experienced to fall into a Mine Owners' trap.

I see by the paper you sent me that you claim the endorsements of some small locals. I am sorry for them. But Mr. Sherman, where are the departments with the 3,000 members you had in your pockets, and that you claim were installed in the first convention? Or do you consider Kirkpatrick and McCabe each a department?

As to the legality of the second convention, if you consider the convention illegal, why did you open the convention, appoint a credential committee, accept its report, and preside throughout all the business that was transacted, until your decapitation? No honest man would decry a convention he took part in and presided over, as illegal. You condemn yourself with every word you utter. I have the published minutes of the convention before me. I compared yours with them, as far as you report, and I find that, with all your jumbling, you cannot hide the truth.

I know that if the W. F. of M. will put a Sherlock Holmes to work to watch and investigate, they will soon find out who those high officials are that are owned by the M. O. Association. It would be of benefit to the working class to extend the investigation to the I. W. W.

I give here the statement of a commercial traveler, with whom I was discussing our comrades' (Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone's) case. This statement was made last May:

"I have travelled all over Colorado Idaho and other western States, and

done business. I have found but very few that believe those men guilty; nor that it is intended to hang them. The real intent, by what I have been able to find out, is to keep those three men in jail, until they have control, or destroyed their usefulness to the workers of the Western Federation of Miners."

He said further:

"The Mine Owners' Association got their tools in the higher offices of the Federation AND CONTROL THEIR PAPER; and if it weren't for the stupidity of the working class, they would, by putting two and two together, consider the happenings since the three men are in jail, and by logical reasoning, come to the conclusion I have just given you. Events cast their shadows before them. If you, workmen, would save those men, look for the traitors who pose as friends. Watch them and expose them."

So spake that traveler.

I have been in the labor movement for thirty-six years, and I judge men by what they do, not by what they say.

As for De Leon controlling the convention, why, he must be a wonder! De Leon controlling 300 Socialist party votes! By jinks, it almost threw me into convulsions when I read the account in the Appeal to Reason. I then thought the latter had lost its reason; and when I also read it in the International Socialist Review, by Max Hayes, I thought the world was coming to an end, and De Leon passing judgment on us poor sinners; and I was counting out how many times I had disagreed with him, and figuring out how many years he would send me to perdition therefor.

Well, Sherman, you had great allies. You were going to play high jinks with the Industrial Workers and get yourself in clover, like Gompers, Mitchell, Stone, etc.; but you got left this time. You had a good time at our expense, while it lasted.

I wonder if you are the Sherman who, in company with a certain McGuire from New York, had a good time at the expense of the poor polishers of Philadelphia and other places, bleeding them a dollar a man and then lighting out. If you are, some of them would like to see you.

Your cry that the majority violated the constitution, is all bosh. The previous convention made you and the last convention deposed you. If there had been a provision for a referendum vote, the convention could have left you to the rank and file; they would have made short work of you. You cannot humbug thinking me. There are a few who, parrot-like, take up your cry of constitutionality, but they are the laughing stock of their own Socialist party members.

The law of evolution is supreme. Just as a healthy body will spew out its impurities, so will a healthy organization.

All S. P. papers, "Miners' Magazine," and "Industrial Worker" please copy.

H. F. Flentje,
207 Park Building,
Main Street,
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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

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Abolition of Competitive System Advocated by Massachusetts Sociologist—Evils of New York City's Belmontized Traction Lines Used to Point an Eloquent Argument for Socialism.

Worcester, Mass., January 21.—In a popularized revision of his work, "The Cost of Competition," published last year, Sidney A. Reeve, professor of steam and hydraulic engineering in the Polytechnic Institute here, declares for the abolition of the competitive system as a cure for the industrial ills of the day.

In his revised work he has this to say in part, in an appendix, on the transit troubles of New York:

"Since the writing of the original pages the problem of congestion in city traffic has attained to a virulence, in New York at least, unexampled in history. The degree of congestion, as with every other symptom of the growth of competition, has been intensified since 1900 in geometric ratio. The traffic on the elevated and subway roads alone has increased by some 150,000 passengers per diem within the past year. Each week day evening there are half a thousand more people living in New York city and struggling for a chance to get home than there were on the preceding morning. The cars are overcrowded with passengers, the tracks are overcrowded with trains. Frequent accidents are inevitable and each accident further delays traffic. A watch of the daily news from Manhattan reveals scarcely an evening in which some person is not injured in the crash at the entrance to the Brooklyn Bridge. Scarcely a day passes that some accident does not delay thousands of suburbanites and hundreds of through passengers.

"These incidents are not sporadic happenings. They typify what is going on all over the land. Trains between cities are normally from one to three hours late more often than they are on time. Even when leaving a terminal time is almost invariably lost before the city is cleared. These matters, and the accidents which they entail, are the subject of discussion not only in the popular press but in the technical journals devoted to railway interests as well. They are nowhere questioned.

"I know personally that traffic managers and superintendents of motive power are making frantic and creditable efforts to meet this situation. Yet every day they get more and more 'snowed under' by the demand for traffic. And day by day the accidents multiply.

"The explanation given is 'abnormal prosperity.' But the prosperity would bring with the demand the commensurate supply. The true explanation is that the extreme growth of that abnormal institution, commercial negotiation, has led to an abnormal demand for concentration of population and negotiative effort in cities, an abnormal demand for transportation to and between the cities in proportion to the demand for true life-supporting effort in other lines and an abnormal diversion of the money paid for transportation into 'policy and finance.'

"The underlying cause, the motive force originating all this movement and pressure, is quite independent of the carrying capacity of the roads. This latter determines merely the degree to which its effect may grow. Rapid transit facilities, I repeat and insist, merely permit and accentuate and in no wise relieve congestion. New York, for instance, is now embarking upon a five-year programme of subway construction, to multiply capacities several fold. Two more enormous bridges and a half dozen tunnels will soon be augmenting the volume of trans-river traffic. What is to be the terrible degree of congestion, not only before they have been completed but more especially after they have begun to pour their volumes of people into the city, it is impossible to predict.

"Personally I hope and believe that before then the nation will have committed itself to, if not carried to a useful point, the abolition of the cause of it all the competitive system. Certain it is that these daily outrages to which those who travel are now subjected are arousing the people to the point where further reliance upon the transportation systems organized to make dividends rather than to serve traffic, contented and varnished by public commissioners in a purely advisory supervision, is going to be vigorously resented as a national imposition."

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THE DIFFERENCE

BETWEEN THE SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY AND THE SOCIALIST PARTY.

[From "Der Arbeiter," Jewish Organ of the Socialist Labor Party.]

The difference between these two parties is not one of persons; it is a difference of principle; it is a difference of theory upon a central subject. That subject is the mission of the economic organization, or what is called Unionism. It will be seen presently that this question of unionism involves another and broader question—the question of Government in the Socialist Republic.

There are three theories current with regard to Unionism.

The first holds that the Union is a sort of shop in which the merchandise Labor Power and the seller of the merchandise, on the one hand, stand towards all other merchandise and the purchaser, on the other hand, in the same category. According to this theory, there is no Capitalist Class and no Working Class; there are only sellers of goods. It will be noticed that this theory overlooks the fact that there is no class struggle. It will be noticed that this theory does not recognize the essential politico-social difference that there is between the merchandise Labor Power and all other merchandise. It will be seen, that, according to this theory, fraternal relations can exist between the seller of the merchandise Labor Power and its purchaser, the capitalist, the same as there may exist fraternal relations between the seller of railroad stock and the purchaser of the same in the stock exchange. The upshot of this position is that the Union is a sort of grocer's association, or an association of automobile manufacturers, or an association of cotton mill owners, the effect of all of which is to uphold the capitalist system, while making such improvements as are possible. This is the pure and simple Trade Union theory. It is called "pure and simple" because it ignores the socio-political mission of Unionism, to wit: the overthrow of Capitalist Society.

The second of three theories with regard to Unionism is, that the Union is a transitory affair; that it is good enough only to give certain protection to the workman so as to enable him to keep alive to vote the Socialist ticket on election day. Those who hold this theory argue, that under Capitalism, the condition of the working people is bound to decline; that the Capitalist Class is bound to become stronger and stronger, that the number of unemployed is bound to become more and more numerous, and that as a result of all these facts the Union will be less and less able to make front against Capitalism, and is bound to be eventually wiped out. Proceeding from these half truths, the conclusion to which this theory arrives is, that the numerical strength, and nothing but the numerical strength of the Working Class AS VOTERS will emancipate them from wage slavery.

It will be noticed that this second theory differs materially from the first. The first wholly ignores the class conflict, and knows nothing of the social development which renders the continuation of Capitalism impossible. The second theory recognizes these facts. In so far as it is an improvement upon the first. Nevertheless, on close examination, it will be found that for all practical purposes, it is as important a theory as the first, and that the important facts it overlooks render it essentially a counterpart-comparison of the other. The first is pure and simply economic; the second is pure and simply political—pure and simple both.

The third theory rejects in toto the first. It maintains on the contrary that an irrepressible conflict rages in Capitalist Society, and that that conflict will never end until the Capitalist system is overthrown and a Socialist system established. The third theory rejects both the reasoning and conclusion of the second theory with regard to the Union's being a transitory affair; the third theory maintains, on the contrary, that the Union not only is not a transitory affair, but is the embryo of government under the Socialist Republic. The third theory holds that the Union alone can furnish the physical force without which the Socialist ballot is worthless. It follows from these premises that the third theory considers neutrality to be an absurd position for any political party of Socialism to hold. It is absurd if it is not criminal, because the political party of Socialism that is neutral on the Union question fails to organize, if it does not interfere with the organizing of the physical force, without which the Socialist ballot is worthless, except for the promotion of the political aspirations of intellectuals and politicians, who seek to exploit the

revolutionary instincts of the working class. Finally, the third theory holds that, just because the Union furnishes the force for the enforcement of the Socialist ballot, it is the embryo of Socialist government; consequently to imagine the ultimate destruction of Unionism amounts to giving up the hope of Socialist victory. The third theory stands upon the identical facts, which being recognized by Karl Marx, caused him to make the celebrated utterance that "only the Trades Union can give birth to the true party of Labor." This Marxist principle at once overthrows the first theory and brushes aside the second.

The second theory is the theory of the Socialist party; the third theory is the theory of the Socialist Labor Party. Error in theory and in tactics ever breeds corruption. It is no wonder, therefore, that the upholders of the first theory, the pure and simple unionists, are avowedly under the influence of corrupt leaders, neither is it a wonder that the corrupt sight is seen of the Socialist party—a party that preaches the class struggle, being found to be the watchdog of the A. F. of L., an organization that is affiliated with the Capitalist Civic Federation of August Belmont, upon the theory of the "brotherhood of Capital and Labor."

As a consequence of this important central difference between the S. P. and the S. L. P. certain other minor differences arise among which the most important is the attitude of the two parties towards "immediate demands." He who understands the error of the second theory and the soundness of the third will readily see how inevitable it is for the S. P. to believe in "immediate demands," and for the S. L. P. to reject them.

Immediate demands so-called, presuppose a state of society in which improvements can be obtained through politics alone. Such is a bourgeois state of society only. There is hardly a country in Europe in which the "Bourgeois Revolution" has been perfected. It is perfectly legitimate in such countries for the Socialist Movement to have immediate demands. These are all demands that the Bourgeois Revolution did not fulfill—free speech, free press, right of association, right of meeting, right of suffrage, the right to run for office and to vote for office, etc., etc. These are legitimate immediate demands which the Socialist parties of Europe rightly proclaim. In America, however, the Bourgeois Revolution has been carried out to perfection. All the above named "immediate demands" are now enjoyed by the people. For this reason the S. L. P. makes no immediate demands; its demand is the Socialist Revolution and nothing that is revolutionary will the Capitalist Class render to the working class.

The S. P. on the contrary since we have seen, it is a pure and simple political affair, labors under the delusion that through the ballot revolutionary improvements can be obtained for the working class. Under Capitalism whatever favorable laws are granted, with the left hand, to the workman, are taken away again with the right hand. Thus it all comes back to the central difference, the difference of policy on unionism—the S. P., through ignoring the union question becomes subservient to reactionary unionism; the S. L. P., through recognizing the importance of the union labors for the organization of revolutionary unionism. The S. P., through ignoring the union question preaches revolution without a thought to the power to enforce it; the S. L. P., through its recognition of the importance of unionism preaches the revolution at the same time that it drills the battalions which will enforce it.

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AS TO POLITICS, ONCE MORE

(By Arturo Giovannitti, New York.)

I have read very attentively the articles by Comrades Wagner and Vasilio in The People of Tuesday, and the few remarks by Comrade De Leon, and, as a result, I should like to give my humble opinion and try to answer the still unanswered questions of The People's Editor.

It seems to me that both Sandgren and De Leon have given a wrong definition of what they term "the political activity of the working class," an error which has been but partly redressed when they drew a line between ballot and agitation. Yet altho Sandgren and his followers want no politics, they want a revolution, and whilst De Leon excommunicates the ballot, he still persists in having an S. L. P. ticket on the very same ballot. The first forgets that a revolution must be essentially political before it can be anything else, the latter is a little afraid to reconduct the revolutionary method on the straight road of the "outside political action," to wit, the general strike and the revolt.

The question is not whether we should bother about politics or not, but how we should conduct our political fight: should we remain even temporarily within the orbit of legality, or should we get out of it altogether and enforce our rights and will with new means and weapons adequate to the opportunity of the historical moment, which we cross? In Europe, to define this legal fight, for to be peaceful it must be legal, we have coined a new word: Parliamentarism—and all the question, according to me, lies in that word, that is to say, the political struggle of the working class within the capitalist state machine.

Does then Comrade De Leon mean parliamentarism when he speaks of a peaceful method of solving the Social Question? If not, where is then the necessity of having a ticket in the field so far as we don't expect and don't want to send our "Honorable Comrades" to Washington?

I shall consider only the first hypothesis and endeavor to prove as briefly as I can that parliamentarism, to use an imported word, spells simply reform and not revolution, in the real historic sense of the word. Parliament is a bourgeois institution, the cornerstone of capitalism, as it is the very same organ with which the republic struck the monarchy and through which capitalism emerged from feudalism. Previous and through the insurrectional phases of the French Revolution, the rising bourgeois knew that it could not fight feudalism with the legal weapons that were then possible, and realized that in order to transform society it needed first the absolute destruction of the existing State, and therefore forced and developed a new form of state that had nothing common with the old one, i. e., the Parliament. It must be so of the proletariat as it was of the bourgeoisie. "The proletariat does not escape the common rule of all the revolutionary classes that preceded it. It also forms itself an organ for the representation of its collective interests. This organ is the labor organization, the trade syndicate. Not a class truly revolutionary can think that the use of legal machines of the existing regime can be enough to guarantee the collective interests. It must form itself its own organ and strive to make it prevail on those of the existing society" (Labriola). In other words a class that really intends to fulfill its historical function must be revolutionary, not in aim, but in methods and means. The task of revolution is not to construct the new society but to demolish the old one and therefore its first aim should be at the complete destruction of the existing state so as to render it absolutely powerless to react and re-establish itself. When revolution fails to do so, the old regime may absorb some of the new ideas but will always remain, as it was the case in Italy and Germany and as it will happen in Russia if the working class does not strike violently at the root of the monarchy and forcibly impose its own political organ both against the Czar and the Duma. In other words, when the revolutionary process gets off the track of violence and insurrection without having achieved its destructive function and comes to argue and discuss within the circle of legality, when it does not strike at the existing political machine from the outside, but comes to bore from within, it utterly fails to its new ideal, but a new action to realize historical mandate and does nothing but a mere act of reform. "To use the organs of the existing society to transform the same society means to collaborate to defend and guarantee it, to wit, do a work openly anti-revolutionary" (Sorel).

Consequently, if the S. L. P. goes to Congress, it means that it recognizes its usefulness, and in so doing it will cooperate to its perpetuation and give the state, and therefore capitalism, a longer lease of life. Therefore, it is not only an organization with a revolutionary aim that we need, but one ready to follow the revolutionary process in not only a

new ideal, but a new action to realize the same. By this, it is evident that such an organization cannot and must not employ legal and lawful methods, neither can it hope in a peaceful solution, as the simple fact that a class is revolutionary implies that it is outlaw. This, Comrade De Leon does not discuss, neither does he answer arguments with arguments and facts with facts. He does not say that such an organization would not lead the working class to victory, but he is simply worried as to how we are going to recruit it if we abandon the idea of a possible peaceful solution of the Social Question.

This peaceful solution could be attained only thru parliamentary action, but, again, if capitalism has open its holy of holies to an enemy class that wants not less than its head, it means that it is no more afraid of the proletariat when the latter is willing to visit capitalism home and talk matters over. My enemy is my enemy and I fear him until he waits for me outside with a gun or a stiletto, but when he comes in and sits down to expose his reasons I cease to fear him and the whole quarrel is liable to end with a merry supper and abundant glasses of wine with relative toasts and madrigals. How can we believe that even with the most rigid logic and with the fear of a strong revolutionary organization we could convince the master class to give itself up into the hands of the rival class that knows no christian charity and will not commute the death sentence of capitalism? Are we then to understand that capitalism will commit suicide rather than to face the I. W. W. executioner? Is there any example in history that can justify such a sweet dream of peace and love? Not even the holy father, who believes in turning the left cheek when somebody slaps his right one, ever refrained from the sweet fight of the hangman and other christian accessories any time he saw his throne and holy purse attacked. Suicide is not the act of a normal being, neither have we any reasons yet to believe that the capitalist class will get crazy all at once in the last moment.

It is then by main force and thru violence only that we can transform society, but collective, organized violence, not as it is now in Russia but as it was in this country fifty years ago. It is not a conspiracy but an open and loyal fight, not an assault but a regular duel, and it will not be a riotous outbreak but a good and proper civil war, if you wish to call it so. If an act of Congress can prevent all that and yield to the working class the land and the means of production and distribution, so much the better, but this is their business, not ours. How can we get the men together for this glorious proletarian epopee? Well, how did the International get them? How is the I. W. W. getting them? How did we build Local 109, Tailors' Industrial Union, the strongest and most numerous in the city, where not even once was election day mentioned, altho every member is fully acquainted with the take and hold clause? HOW? Why by going to them and telling them all about it without considering them neither tigers nor rabbits, but men who, once having understood can prove that they are right in the good old American fashion, and put up a good fist fight when words and arguments fail.

Are then the S. P. and the S. L. P. so necessary to the I. W. W. that without the former the latter could not exist? Are the polls the only means to convince them to unite, to go to strike, to resist, and to press their action so on the political field (political agitation) that those from above will let something drop every once in a while before the whole edifice tumbles down?

Why should we speak to the working class of a peaceful settlement when probably not ONE of the S. L. P. members believes in it? Fifty vacant seats in Congress will frighten capitalism more than fifty "Honorable" Socialists sitting there and doing nothing, and if we must use the ballot for something let us use it for the sole purpose of emptying their ranks. The future of Socialism lies only in the general strike, not merely a quiet political strike, but one that once started should go fatally to its end, i. e., armed insurrection and the forcible overthrow of all existing social conditions. It may be objected that it is yet too early to throw the alarm of parliamentarism in America, but the fact is that the Socialist movement has degenerated so in all European countries on account of parliamentarism, that it would be simply foolish not to take advantage of their lesson and follow another road. Let us not strike out the political clause from the I. W. W. constitution, but let us understand that the I. W. W. must develop itself as the new legislature and executive body of the land, undermine the existing one and gradually absorb the functions of the state until it can entirely substantiate it thru the only means it has: The Revolution.

[First of all let the fact be once more recorded that this week's opponent of the

S. L. P. posture, like each and every one who preceded him, leaves unanswered the practical question put by The People at the beginning of this discussion—how can the ranks of the I. W. W., of the revolutionary army intended to take and hold the means of production, recruit the necessary forces for that eventual and final act of the revolution, if it starts by rejecting the civilized method of settling disputes, offered by the political platform, and plants itself instead upon the principle of physical force exclusively? Surely this is a question worth answering. It is essential to a common understanding. Why is the question persistently evaded? Every evasion thereof can only be construed as an evidence of inability to answer it; consequently, as demonstration of the soundness of the practical principle that it implies. The demonstration is only made all the stronger by the indulgence in vast digressions, and the taking up of space on side matters.

In the instance of this week's correspondent the evasion is all the more marked. Giovannitti starts with the admission that the question put by The People has not been answered. Indeed, it is for that very reason that he asks for space to "try to answer the still unanswered questions of The People's Editor." Does he answer that question? With not a word.

Or is this sentence, perchance, an answer: "How can we get the men together for this glorious proletarian epopee? Well, how did the International get them?"—The sentence implies that the International did get the men together for this glorious proletarian epopee. That's news to us. If the International had "got the men together for this glorious proletarian epopee" there would be no capitalist class to-day to overthrow; the epopee would have been enacted. That it has not been enacted, that Giovannitti recognizes the epopee has yet to be enacted, is ample refutation to the implied claim that the International "got the men together."

Or is, perchance, this other sentence the answer, promised by Giovannitti: "How can we get the men together for this glorious proletarian epopee? Well . . . how is the I. W. W. getting them?"—This sentence is of a piece with that analyzed last week from the correspondence of two St. Louis opponents. That sentence does not "answer" The People's question; the sentence confirms The People's position; the sentence is fatal to the posture of The People's opponents. This discussion was initiated by Sandgren's proposition "to strike out all reference to politics in the I. W. W. preamble." Upon that The People's question, re-stated above, was put, and the contention both of Sandgren, and of all who sided with him, this week's correspondent included, was and is, logically enough from their premises, that political agitation should be excluded as harmful and unnecessary. No opponent of The People's position can quote the successful agitation of the I. W. W., whose platform has the political clause, as an evidence that the ranks of the I. W. W. can be recruited with the necessary numbers upon the principle of physical force only.

Giovannitti, accordingly, leaves unanswered the question he promised to answer; and stranger of all he closes by opposing Sandgren's proposition to expunge the political clause from the I. W. W. platform! Inextricable are the contradictions that this week's opponent tangles himself in.

We might stop here. The gist of the above letter is disposed of. Nevertheless our correspondent incurs a number of collateral errors that we trust he will thank us for calling his attention to. And this we do for reason of the knowledge that frequently it happens that collateral errors are responsible for central ones. So long as the former bedevil the mind, the latter remain unperceived.

Giovannitti says: "A class that really intends to fulfill its historical function must be revolutionary, not in aim but in methods and means." This sentence sins doubly against social science. Its first sinfulness lies in the use of the expression "revolutionary methods and means." There is no such thing as "revolutionary means" or "methods." Means and methods may be good or bad, wise or unwise, timely or premature—"revolutionary" never. Physical force, the revolutionary method and means meant by our correspondent, is by no means essentially revolutionary, it may be archly reactionary. If physical force were the test of "revolution" the palm for revolutionariness would have to be awarded to Czar's establishment. Unconsciously Giovannitti himself acts obedient to this view of the matter. If he did not he would not now be in the revolutionary camp of the I. W. W.; he would have fallen in with the Sherman crew of reactionists who resorted to physical force. The second sinfulness of the sentence lies in its first part, the notion that the function of the proletariat "must be revolutionary, NOT IN AIM, but in methods and means. In other

words, that the aim is a negligible quantity in determining the revolutionary or non-revolutionary character of a body. Such a conception of Social evolution or of the march of human events is untenable. Marx well said that force has ever been the MIDWIFE of revolutions. According to our correspondent's idea of things, however, all that is needed for the birth of a child would be the midwife; the function of the father and the mother count for nothing. There is a violent clash of physical force now in progress in Russia. If physical force were the test of "revolution" then both the contending sides would be revolutionists. We all know this is false. How do we all determine which is the side of revolution and which that of reaction? Why, by their respective AIMS.

This serious error on the part of Giovannitti leads to the following other error, which runs like a black warp through the woof of his argument. He says in one place: "Should we remain even temporarily within the orbit of LEGALITY"; in another place: "the LEGAL fight, for, to be peaceful it must be LEGAL"; again: "the use of LEGAL machines of the existing regime"; still in another place: "such an organization [the organization that we need] must not employ LEGAL and LAWFUL methods"; and so forth. The continuous iteration and re-iteration of the terms "legal," "legality," "lawful" betray a misconception of The People's posture. Giovannitti will not find the words used once by The People in this discussion. The People is not troubled with the thought of "legality." The People planted itself upon the principle of "civilization." Giovannitti and the Editor of The People are civilized men. Being civilized men they are discussing the subject politely. Were the two a couple of barbarians they would have begun by breaking each other's heads. Giovannitti's confusion of thought in the matter is such that he has read "legal" for "civilized," "legality" for "civilization," and that has interfered with his understanding of The People's arguments in this discussion, beginning with the answer to Sandgren where the principle of civilization was treated at large. Political action is the civilized, because it is the peaceful method of social debate and of ascertaining numbers. He who rejects that method places himself upon the barbarian plane, a plane where the capitalist class would be but too glad to see him, seeing that he thereby would give the capitalist class a welcome pretext to drop all regard for decency and resort to the terrorism that would suit it. But civilization is CIVILIZATION. It implies not only the effort for peace, but also the knowledge of the fact that Right without Might is a thing of air. Accordingly the civilized revolutionary organization proclaims the Right, demands it, argues for it, and willingly submits to the civilized method of polling the votes—AND IT ORGANIZES ITSELF WITH THE REQUISITE PHYSICAL FORCE IN CASE ITS DEFEATED ADVERSARY SHOULD RESORT TO THE BARBARIAN WAY OF ENFORCING HIS WILL. The civilized man answers force with force; the barbarian begins with force. "Civilization" not "legality" demands the political clause.

A third collateral error committed by Giovannitti happens in the passage in which he quotes Labriola in support of what Labriola does not hold. Labriola belongs with the "Syndicalist" (Unionist) wing of what? Of the Socialist PARTY of Italy. The quotation from Labriola becomes a misquotation in the place where it occurs. It is perfectly sensible in connection with Labriola's position, which is as exactly that of the S. L. P. as two positions in two different countries can be. Finally a luminous insight is obtained into the loose methods of thought of our opponents by the following passage from Giovannitti's letter: "Fifty vacant seats in Congress will frighten capitalism more than fifty 'Honorable' Socialists sitting there and doing nothing, and if we must use the ballot for something let us use it for the sole purpose of emptying their ranks"—a notion that can only proceed from a mistaken comprehension of facts in the case. Even if the whole Working Class abstained from voting, there would be NOT ONE SINGLE SEAT VACANT, the capitalist candidates would then be elected unanimously by the capitalists themselves.

The theme of this discussion is serious. It should be approached, not with anger or preformed thoughts, but with a mind open to apprehend the facts and to reason from them.—EDITOR THE PEOPLE.]

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(Special Correspondence)

Milwaukee, January 21.—Comparison is pictorial speech. "It serves the same purpose in language," say our rhetoricians, "that pictures do in books." Thus, by presenting two objects to the mind at once, and affirming a likeness between their causes, effects, or relations, an abstract thought becomes clear through the concrete image. In the domain of sociology, or rather, in the camp of that famous American celebrity, the Social Democratic party of Wisconsin, through a simile and often times by a single image, too, the sincerity of its leaders and the illogical stand of the party itself, is exposed.

Something happened here in the Social Democratic party that is well worth relating, for it again serves to substantiate our assertion that the Social Democrats will ultimately dwindle down to a herd of office seekers—"practical politicians."

Mr. Glaesser was elected on the ticket of the Social Democratic party as Surveyor for Milwaukee County. The office was not accepted by the Social Democrat elect Glaesser, on account of the salary said office pays, which is less than Glaesser can earn at his trade, that of mason. Had the office of Surveyor brought as high an income or a still higher one than he gets at present as a mason, Glaesser, of course, would have accepted the office in a jiffy; and, no doubt, the "Social Democratic Herald" would have columns of good news on the importance of the office, and the fact that a "comrade" was invested with the exercise of its powers. As will be seen however, it is a simple case of business, of profit, of getting the dollar. Principle—if such people have a right to speak of principle—is trampled underfoot.

This is one case, now the other:—Frederic Heath, editor of the "Social Democratic Herald," who was defeated for clerk of courts at the last election has taken the oath of office, and has filed with County Clerk F. O. Phelps, a bond for \$5,000. These steps are preliminary to quo warranto proceedings, which will be brought against Clerk of Courts Cords on the claim that he obtained the office by promising before the primaries and before the election to return to the county treasury all fees received by him in the office of Clerk of Courts.

It matters not to us how Mr. Cord got the office as Clerk of Courts, or that Mr. Heath may be able to dispose of his rival and capture the office of Clerk of Courts for Milwaukee County. Nay, that is nothing of interest to us. The principle involved here should be compared with the Glaesser case, that is the cardinal point at issue. "Comrade" Glaesser did not want to take the office to which he was elected because it does not pay enough; "Comrade" Heath wants an office to which he was not elected, because its salary amounts to \$5,000 a year, not including the fees and other money, it is claimed, the Clerk is able to "make."

The comparison between these two cases must convince any one, even the longest-eared Social Democrat, of what the leaders of the cult are aiming at. Though one of these two cases by itself is sufficient to cause the ordinary mortal to lose all confidence in the ability and honesty of these leaders, as advocates of a better society, of a higher civilization, the two cases together, the likeness and similarity of purpose between them, will create a furor of distrust and dissatisfaction, even among those who thought the world of these hierarchs of the Social Democratic Party of the Badger State.

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bound to be true. I am not bound to
succeed, but I am bound to live up to
the light I have. I must stand with
anybody that stands right, stand with
him while he is right, and part with
him when he goes wrong.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

A SCRAWNY CROMWELL.

The Senate, the Washington dis-
patches announce, decided in secret
session to expunge from the Record
the speech made by Senator Tillman
on the 21st instant in which he took
the inventory of his fellow Senators,
"paid his respects" to each, as he passed
them in review, and characterized
Spooner of Wisconsin as "the burnt-
cork artist of the Senate"; designated
Foraker of Ohio as "Fire-Alarm Joe";
referred to Culberson of Texas as the
"solo performer on bones"; ridiculed
Daniel as "the brilliant and courtly
Senator from Virginia, whose specialty
is oratory, and who works his rhetoric
overtime"; dropped coals of fire on
Patterson, defeated for re-election by
the Legislature of his State, as "the
dying swan; smiling Tom of Colo-
rado"; stigmatized Carmack of Ten-
nessee as "a very Hotspur, unhorsed
and with spear-head broken off"; scoffed
at Lodge of Massachusetts as "the
negro preacher and telephone artist in
the show, who on occasion gets in com-
munication with the White House over
the wire and acts as a receiver and
repeater, a very chameleon in his ac-
curacy in reproducing White House
colors"; slurred Clay of Georgia as
"the pompadoor artist, who depends
upon his voice to carry conviction to
his audience"; derided Stone as "Gum-
shoe Bill" from Old Missouri whose
greatest feat is walking on eggs with-
out breaking the shells"; and so forth.

Not a crack from the whip of Till-
man's tongue but was true. And yet—

One day, in the year 1658, Oliver
Cromwell stepped, booted and spurred,
into the House and Commons; he also
"took the inventory" of the occupants,
as he chased them out one by one; and,
addressing them collectively uttered
these memorable sentences:

"It is high time for me to put an end
to your sitting in this place which ye
have dishonored by your contempt of
all virtue, and defiled by your practice
of vice. Ye are a factious crew, and
the enemies to all good government.
Ye are a pack of mercenary wretches,
and would like Beau, sell your country
for a mess of pottage; and, like Judas,
betray your God for a few pieces of
money. Is there any virtue now re-
maining among ye? Is there one vice
ye do not possess? Ye have no more
religion than any horse. Gold is your
god. Which of ye have not bartered
away your conscience for bribes?"

"Is there a man among ye that has
the least care for the good of the com-
monwealth? Ye sordid prostitutes!"

"Have ye not defiled this sacred place
and turned the Lord's Temple into a
den of thieves? By your immoral prin-
ciples and your wicked practices ye
are grown intolerably odious to the
whole nation."

"To who were deputed here by the
people to get their grievances redressed
are become their greatest grievance."

"Your country, therefore, calls upon
me to cleanse this Augean stable by
putting a final period to your iniquitous
proceedings in this House, and which
by God's help and strength he hath
given me, I have now come to do. I
command ye, therefore, upon peril of
your lives, to depart immediately out
of this. Get ye out! Make haste!"

"Ye venal slaves, begone! Take
away that shining bauble there, and
look up the door!"

So spake Cromwell—infinitely more
to the point than his scrawny would-
be and only partial imitator from South
Carolina. Unfortunately for Tillman
his performance approaches that of
Oliver by recalling to recall the latter,
and, by recalling it, contrast it with his
own.

Tillman is only a forerunner. The
Cromwell of this generation is being

forged in the burning furnace of the
revolution of this generation. When
that Cromwell will have come forward,
when he, addressing the capitalist poli-
ticians of the day, will hurl at them
the indictment—"Ye who were deputed
here by the people to get their griev-
ances redressed are become their great-
est grievance"—then, not merely the
butts of the Tillmans, but the Tillmans,
along with the rest of the vermin, will
be thrown out of doors.

THE CASE OF BAILEY.

The Socialist wastes no tears upon
the capitalist victims of capitalism.
That barren pastime is left to senti-
mentalists. The tears that the Social-
ist has can be better spent upon the
myriad proletarian victims of the bu-
caneer capitalist class. Not to improve
the condition of the capitalist and his
candleholders, but to emancipate the
Working Class is the mission of Social-
ism. Accordingly, for Bailey, the dis-
graced Senator from Texas, now mor-
ally convicted at the bar of the Nation
of having prostituted himself for a
mess of pottage to the Standard Oil
monopoly, Socialism has no concern.
No more comes to him than he de-
serves; pity only that identical facts,
surely in existence, have not yet come
to light, and hurled all the rest of the
capitalist pack of politicians deep down
the fathomless pit of ignominy where
they belong. And yet the "Case of
Bailey" may not be thus brushed aside.

Senator Bailey of Texas is a vessel in
which Nature, Study and Art deposited
extraordinary qualities. Whether his
speeches in Congress, formerly in the
House of Representatives or now in
the Senate, are read from the view-
point of elegance of diction, fervidness
of eloquence, broadness of grasp, keen-
ness of penetration, profundity of
juridic attainment, or straightforward-
ness of aggressiveness—whatever the
side from which the man's intellectual
parts be contemplated, these take easily
first rank among his fellow legisla-
tors, and are excelled by none of the
public men now alive. These great
gifts that could have blessed the race
were turned away—by what? These
priceless jewels of the intellect now lie
mired in the gutter—through what?
By and through the imperious exigen-
cies of his surroundings—by and
through CAPITALIST SOCIETY.

Not Bailey the man, but the intellec-
tual gifts of which Bailey was the de-
pository does Socialism mourn over.
Capitalist society murders not the body
only; it murders the mind besides. The
deep philosophy of the Biblical passage
that promises pardon for all manner of
sin, but eternal punishment for the sin
against the "Holy Ghost," can have no
meaning other than to point out the
deep damnation of the abandonment
by man of his own IDEALS, and his
offending against these by bending the
knee to baser purpose. The IDEALS
deposited in a Bailey were of the loft-
est; capitalism made him untrue to
them. Infamous as the man himself is,
the real culprit at the bar of human
conscience is, not the man, the instru-
ment, but the social system which
wielded the instrument, and tore down
the IDEAL from the temple in which it
was raised.

"Morality"—is that the invocation
of Capitalism? There is no Morality
possible where material wellbeing is in
perpetual danger. IMMORALITY—that
is the breath in the nostrils of Cap-
italism—that is that which it breeds, and
upon which it feeds.

MATTER TO BE WEIGHED.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found
an open letter to the ex-President of the
I. W. W. from H. F. Flentje, a non-Soc-
ialist Labor Party man, of South Man-
chester, Conn., in the course of which
the writer reports a statement made to him
by a commercial traveler who claims to
have recently been "all over Colorado,
Idaho and other western States," where
he gathered the general impression of the
people to be that it is not the intention
of the Mine Owners' Association to hang
Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, but to
keep them in jail long enough for the
Association to "destroy the usefulness
of the three men to the Western Federa-
tion of Miners," adding, as explanatory
to this theory, that the Mine Owners'
Association got their tools in the higher
offices of the Federation "and control
their paper."

Nothing can be imagined more base
than the suggestion of defamatory mat-
ter. Nor is anything more reckless or
harmful to the movement than the rep-
etition of grave statements as true with-
out the precaution of cross-examining
the informant and weighing the source
of his information. The systematic dis-
regard of these principles by the Social-
ist party press towards the Socialist
Labor Party and its officers should serve
as a horrible example to all decent men,
to say nothing of those who really have
at heart the Cause of the working class.
One thing, however, is the willful or
malicious circulation of unsupported de-
famatory matter, another thing is to do

what The People does to-day in publish-
ing Flentje's letter, and accompanying
it by this editorial warning.

For John M. O'Neill—the person al-
most designated by name in Flentje's
report of his conversation with the
western traveler—we have little or no
use. At his best he has approved him-
self a rattle-brained ranter. More lately
—by his utter disregard of self-respect;
by his exclusively abusive language
towards the uncorruptible S. L. P.; by
his readiness to yield space and boom
the diatribes against men, who differ
from him regarding the I. W. W. con-
vention, by an "ex-President Starr" of
Arizona proven to be a robber, not of the
living only, but of dead workmen as
well; by his obscene insinuations against
officers of the S. L. P.; by his application
to poor wage slaves of the capitalist in-
sults of "proletaire bable," "coffee-and-
doughnut brigade"; by his emulation of
the Mine Owners' Association derision of
the r-r-r-e-v-o-l-u-t-i-o-n-a-r-y I. W. W.
majority; etc., etc.—the gentleman has
shown himself, to say the least, utterly
unfit to be trusted with any responsible
post in the Labor Movement. All this
notwithstanding, whatever we may think
of John M. O'Neill, there are two facts
that may not be disregarded. One is
that he is a human being; the other is
that that human being does hold an office
of trust in the American Labor Move-
ment. The two facts combined dictate
one course—the protection of the man;
the protection of the Movement.

That the Socialist Labor Party or its
officers has not nailed every grave slan-
der set afloat against them comes from
the circumstance that most of these slan-
ders are simply whispered about. Every
one that has been uttered loud enough,
concrete enough, to be grabbed, has been
nailed fast. It so happened with the
Lee-Spargo slander about De Leon's
being a Bismarck spy; it so happened
with the Rosen slander concerning al-
leged statements made by Bebel about the
S. L. P. That Socialist party officials,
together with their dominators, Gompers's
labor lieutenants of the capitalist class,
should act as whispering echoes of de-
famation is fitting. For the very reason
the S. L. P. takes the opposite course.
It turns the light upon whatever grave
defamatory matter floats across its way.
It does so now. If the popular opinion
reported to prevail in the West against
O'Neill is false, he should not be kept in
the dark about it, all the less by reason
of his recent conduct which might give
a color to the slander; knowledge thereof
will enable him to meet it, and silence
his covert defamers—he is entitled to
that much from us as a human being.
On the other hand, if the reported public
opinion be true, the Movement should
be enlightened—the Movement is entitled
to that at the hands of the militants in
its ranks.

Flentje's name is given in full, also
his address.

LESS LUCKY THAN ALLAH.

A Mr. Mackaye—like a star that sud-
denly lunges out of the vast recesses of
darkness in space—has just struck the
Lick telescope in the editorial observa-
tory of the New York "Independent"
with a "new system of social philo-
sophy" entitled "Economy of Happiness,"
which the astronomer (or is it astrolog-
er?) in the aforesaid editorial ob-
servatory announces to his wrap readers
as the Allah who has the right "plan"
for solving the Social Question, and
whose work is marked with "independ-
ence of thinking."

No doubt Mr. Mackaye's thinking is
"independent." 'Tis nothing if it is not
independent—Independent of facts, inde-
pendent of sense, independent of science.
The gist of Mr. Mackaye's "new social
philosophy" is the resurrection of "the
scientific verity" of the Malthusian prin-
ciple.

The Malthusian principle, as every-
body knows or should know, is that pop-
ulation increases in geometric, the means
of subsistence in arithmetic ratio. In
other words that population grows faster,
a good deal faster, than the means of
subsistence which Labor can squeeze out
of Nature. To sum up the principle in
the pictorially forcible language of Mal-
thus himself: "To him for whom there
are no covers at the banquet table of
Nature, Nature says—be gone!" The
capitalist class of Malthus's days greeted
the utterance with long, loud and pro-
longed applause. It was no accident, it
was one of those wisely contrived Provi-
dential "coincidences," that the utterer
of such inhuman balderdash was a min-
ister of the Gospel. The coincidence
placed of historic record the inherent
pharisaism of the capitalist class.

Socialism claims, and has proven in
detail, that affluence, that security for
the morrow, that freedom from animal
and brutalizing toil for mere physical ex-
istence, that leisure for the development
of the moral, spiritual and aesthetic
parts of man was an impossibility until
to-day, when the mammoth machine and
human co-operation can render produc-
tion so abundant as to meet and sub-
serve all human needs and aspirations.
This notwithstanding, there never was a

time since recorded history when human
labor could not satisfy animal needs. As
a matter of fact, limiting ourselves to
the epoch of Malthus and since, this
other is true also:—due to the despotism
of one set of humanity over the other,
the bulk of the soil was pre-empted by a
few, was blasted with unproductiveness,
and the bulk of the race was cramped for
the means of life. If a man is hung up
long enough by his heels he will die of
congestion. As well say that because
men, held in such abnormal posture,
must die of congestion, therefore conges-
tion is a natural and scientific law—as
well say that as to say that, because the
social, the man-made conditions in which
Malthus lived and which he liked were
such as to render subsistence obviously
below population, therefore it is Nature
that says "Begone!" to those for whom
the hogs at Nature's banquet table allow
no seating space. It is the one distin-
guished merit of Henry George that he
collated all the scientific facts and the
scientific reasoning which disproved Mal-
thusianism, brought the argument
abreast of his time, and showed that civil-
ization had turned the tables upon
Malthus—proved the Socialist contention
that the productivity of Labor had be-
come potentially so abundant that not
only was Malthus checkmated, but the
exact opposite of Malthusianism estab-
lished.

Indeed, it takes an utterly "independ-
ent" mind—Independent of all the bonds
that a sober mind gladly submits to be
fettered by—for Mr. Mackaye to bolster
up Malthus with the argument that
"the declining birth rate" is "a complete
vindication" of Malthusianism. It takes
such an "independent" mind to make
such a declaration—in these days when
scores of inventions, calculated to pro-
mote the productivity of Labor, are kept
under lock and key lest supply become
so great as to cheapen goods in the hands
of the capitalist class—in these days
when blessed peach crops are dumped
into the Raritan River to reduce supply
and thereby increase prices—in these
days when apple crops are left rotting
on trees, despite all the appliances and
means to boot are on hand to preserve
them and bring them to market—in these
days when areas of the nation's territory,
vast enough to support our whole popu-
lation, are "fenced in" and virtually re-
moved from existence—in these days
when, periodically, production is delib-
erately stopped and men are left to starve
because of "over-production"—in short,
in these days when scarcity is artificially
created in the interest of about one per
cent of our population. Unquestionably,
the palm of "Independence of Thought"
must be awarded to Mr. Mackaye.

For all this Mr. Mackaye is less
lucky than Allah. Allah never once was
jilted by his Mohamed for a fairer-seem-
ing charmer. Allah remained God, and
Mohamed HIS prophet. A less constant
Mohamed to his Allahs is the Editorial
astronomer who has just invented the
Mackaye Allah. One week it was Prof.
Giddings who was the Allah of that Mo-
hamed, and was announced as THE
THING OF THINGS; another week the
Allahship was conferred upon some other
luminary. We have a distinct recollec-
tion of at least four distinct Allahs hav-
ing been successively set up and jilted
by this fickle Mohamed as the real so-
luters of the Social Problem. Mr.
Mackaye is the latest.—Next!

Let the talk against J. D. Rockefeller
come to an end. He attended church
in Augusta, Ga., put a silver dollar into
the plate when it was passed around,
and then called the collector back and
emptied his pockets of change to the
amount of \$20. That should be suffi-
cient refutation of all those slanderous
charges concerning the Standard Oil's
violating the law.

While the trial of Moyer, Haywood
and Pettibone has been put off by the
prosecution under one pretext or an-
other, and is again put off "for some
time the end of this month," and these
obviously innocent men are now kept
almost a year in jail "awaiting trial,"
Harry Thaw, the Pittsburgh millionaire
murderer, is to have his trial now, after
a short half year's waiting.

United States Senator J. W. Bailey
of Texas is a much injured man. True
enough documents are being produced
that he is a tool of the Standard Oil.
True enough that should settle the
qualification of a man to "represent the
whole people." But what of his com-
peers in the Senate? Can there be
any greater injustice than that of pun-
ishing one wrong-doer, and letting
all the others continue in the enjoy-
ment of the emoluments of their
wrongful acts?

LAURENS CALLS PREGNANT REASONING

The letter of Henry Laurens Call to
Frank Bohn, the National Secretary of
the Socialist Labor Party, published
elsewhere in this issue, is an economic
document of prime value. As Voltaire
said of Montesquieu that the latter's
genius was instructive throughout, in-
structive, not only in that in which he
was right, but instructive also in that
in which he erred, the statistical reason-
ing of Mr. Laurens Call is highly
instructive, instructive both in that in
which he is sound and that in which
his words are defective.

Mr. Laurens Call has aroused the ire
of the plutocracy for the estimate on
his part that "ONE PER CENT. of the
population of the United States now
own practically NINETY PER CENT.
of the entire wealth of the nation." Editorialists, letters to papers, essays of
various sizes, and allusions innumera-
ble in the course of speeches have
appeared in opposition to Mr. Laurens
Call's estimate. It will have been
noted that in all these instances the
attack is directed, not against the es-
timate, primarily, but against the
method of arriving at it. The assail-
ants do not proceed upon their own
lines, and furnish a different estimate.
Their position amounts to this—the
estimate is correct provided the reason-
ing by which it is arrived at is cor-
rect also. They attack the reasoning.
What is that reasoning?

Laurens Call reasons that the stocks
of the corporations are expected to
draw dividends, and that, as such they
constitute an indebtedness "on the part
of the public" to the owners of the
same. He goes over the same ground
a second time, reasoning that the prop-
erty which these stocks are a cer-
tificate of title to are power given the
corporations to tax the public upon all
its products, supplies and public ser-
vices. From these premises the first
conclusion arrived at is that these
stocks, or "securities," constitute in
fact a first lien, or "blanket mortgage"
upon all the property of the nation, to
the extent that, not until this incum-
brance is lifted can "the farmer or
other citizen" be said, in any true sense
to own his farm, home or other prop-
erty. It is from this preliminary con-
clusion that Laurens Call arrives at the
final one which forms the thesis of his
paper—ONE PER CENT. of the popu-
lation now own NINETY PER CENT.
of the entire wealth of the nation.

The reasoning is correct, the only hook
upon which assailants can and do hang
an argument is a hook furnished by a
certain unscientific use of terms that

Laurens Call incurs, and which Social-
ist science warns honorable economists
against. The terms are "the public,"
"the citizen," etc.

Political economy knows no "public,"
or "citizen." It only knows "classes."
No hard and fast definition is possible
of the "classes"—any more than such
a definition is possible in biology with
regard to the animal and the vegetal
kingdom. And yet, not because there
is a point where the line is undistin-
guishable can it be denied that the
elephant is an animal, the oak tree a
vegetal. Likewise with the classes.
They shade into each other; the shad-
ing produces "the public" in the eyes of
the unguarded. The scientist is not
misled. He recognizes the "blanket
mortgage-holding" class and the "blank-
et mortgaged" class—the capitalist
class and the working class. It mat-
ters not whether the "mortgage" held
by the Gas Trust, recently investigated
and proved to draw huge dividends on
stock four times watered, places under
contribution the Ice Trust, recently also
investigated and proved to draw huge
dividends on stocks two-third watered.
That does not matter in estimating the
magnitude of the "blanket mortgage"
holder. The fact is that in these in-
stances the proceeds of the "blanket
mortgage" fall wholly into the hands
of a blanket mortgage-holding class—the
CAPITALIST CLASS; while there is
a class, the WORKING CLASS, into
whose hands in no instance does one
copper of the proceeds of the blanket
mortgage drop. That class is wholly
"blanket mortgaged."

Had Laurens Call placed himself
upon the scientific Socialist plane of
terminology, his position would be un-
assailable. As it is now, the looseness
of his terminology affords the Pindars
of capitalism their chance to resort to
their usual tactics, the tactics of blur-
ring the issue, by showing the inter-
changeableness of liabilities, by point-
ing to trifling instances where every-
body seems to be mortgagor as well as
mortgagee, and thereby setting up the
claim that there is no "debtor" and no
"creditor" class—an old dodge.

It is not the least valuable part of
Laurens Call's contribution to the great
economic issue of the day, that the
negligence of his terminology affords
the opportunity to refute and confute
his assailants, and to sustain his pre-
sident claim that only one per cent. of
our population now own ninety per
cent of the entire wealth of the land—in
other words that the capitalist class
has reduced the nation to a state of
plutocratic feudal-serfdom, which calls
for the revolution that shall overthrow
this latest form of servitude.

IMPROVED RECORD

FOR PARTY PRESS WORK—CINCINNATI'S ELOQUENT FIGURES—A WORD
WITH OUR READERS.

For the week ending January 26, we
received 150 subs to the Weekly People
and forty-two mail subs to the Daily
People, a total of 192, an improvement
over the previous week's low record.

Those sending five or more subs were:
Press Committee, Cincinnati, O., 9;
Thos. Ballantyne, Canton, Ill., 9; John
Perz, Phoenix, B. C., 7; C. Berkmaier,
Van Couver, B. C., 5; F. Brown, Cleve-
land, O., 5. As will be seen Cincinnati
believes in figures talking.

Prepaid cards sold, San Pedro, Cal.,
\$4; Fifth and Seventh A. D., N. Y.,
\$2; French Branch, New York, \$1.60.

Apropos of the above record, we would
like a word with our readers.

We take it that the readers of the
Weekly People are more or less interest-
ed in the Socialist Labor movement, of
which the Weekly People is the uncon-
promising advocate. By interest in the
movement we mean the desire to aid
its growth and development on to the
day of its final triumph. The first thing
to do in conformity with such desire
is to promulgate the principles of the
movement and set forth the tactics nec-
essary to crystallize them into being. In
other words we must first extend to
others the mental revolution that we
have gone through, and the means to
this end is the press of the movement.
By word of mouth an individual can do
good work, but he can multiply his ef-
forts manifold by utilizing the Party
press which week by week will talk
for him once he has made the introduc-
tion.

We would ask of Weekly People read-
ers in general that they do a little work
for the movement. Those of you who
have never sent in one new subscription
do it now. The Weekly People is a
champion worthy of your best efforts.
There is no other paper like it. It meets
fairly and without fear or favor any
and all questions pertaining to the Labor
Movement. It is without doubt the
most fearless and uncompromising advo-
cate of working class interests. It fills
a need that no other paper can and
because it is free. It is a free agent
because, as the property of the Socialist
Labor Party, it need not cringe to ad-

verting or other patronage. These
statements are not boasts, they are facts
that explain why the Weekly People
occupies its field and alone.

Surely there are few of our readers
who have not acquaintances with peo-
ple of more or less liberal tendencies
who would appreciate their attention
being brought to the Weekly People,
and we would ask every reader to make
a special endeavor to help along the
propaganda of the movement by getting
at least one new subscriber to the pa-
per right now. There is no time like
the present.

During the past two weeks Labor
News orders have been fair for this
season. John Kircher leads off with an
order for 142 of the Sue books for
which he sent the cash in advance; the
S. L. P. of Great Britain got \$24.35
worth of pamphlets; Paul Lundgard,
Globe, Ariz., \$14.00; A. S. Carm, Swed-
ish organizer, \$12.25; Section London,
Ontario, \$13.30; M. Rosenberg, Trenton,
N. J., \$6.30; Louis Finn, Pittsburgh, Pa.,
\$4.00 for Sue books; H. Lloff, New
York, \$3.00 for the same; E. Muller,
Orange, N. J., \$4.55; S. Bailey, Delta,
Colo., \$3.00; H. J. Brimble, Florence,
Colo., \$2.00; B. Swanson, Aberdeen,
Wash., \$2.50; the following had orders
to the amount of \$1.50 each: Gus
Wells, Borate Cal., Geo. Markstall,
Kansas City, Mo., Attleboro, Mass.,
Wilkesburg, Pa., Scandinavian Club,
Chicago, I. W. W. headquarters Chi-
cago, 20,000 leaflets, New Bedford,
Mass., 1,000 leaflets; other orders,
Globe, Ariz., \$5.00; Louisville, Ky., \$3.;
Discovery, B. C., Wheeling, W. Va.,
Newport News, Va., Emmett, Idaho;
Chicago, Redlands, Cal., Hamilton, Ont.,
Los Angeles, Cal., all had orders for
one dollar or more each.

We have received a photo of the Los
Angeles S. L. P. Book Exchange. It
shows a well stocked store in a modern
building on one of the best thorough-
fares of the city, which is a credit, both
to those conducting it and the party.

On Monday, January 28th, the new
edition of Value, Price and Profit will
be ready for shipment. There has been



UNCLE SAM AND BROTHER JONATHAN.

BROTHER JONATHAN (approaching
Uncle Sam confidentially and in a whis-
per)—Now tell me, what guarantee have
we that the Socialists, if elected, won't
sell out?

UNCLE SAM—Did the Abolitionists,
or the Republicans when elected, sell
out?

B. J.—No!

U. S.—Go further back; did the dele-
gates to the Continental Congress, when
elected, sell out to King George?

B. J.—No!

U. S.—Go still further back; did the
Roundheads, who made the revolution
against Charles I, sell out after they
were elected to Parliament?

B. J. (visibly weakening)—No!

U. S.—Come again forward a little;
did the bourgeois or the capitalists of
France, when they captured the third
estate, sell out to the Royalists?

B. J.—N-o-o!

U. S.—Now, I'll admit that the simple
fact that none of these sold out would
not be sufficient ground from which to
conclude that the Socialists will not sell
out.

B. J.—(Brightening up)—You think
so, too, don't you?

U. S.—Yes. I say the simple fact that
one man or set of men did not sell out
is no guarantee that another won't—

B. J.—That's just what I think!

U. S.—The thing to look into is this:
The reason why none of those sets of
people sold out. If we find that the
same reason does NOT exist with the
Socialists there would be no guarantee
that they won't sell out; but,
if we find that the same reason DOES
exist with the Socialists, then there
WOULD be a guarantee that they won't
sell out.

B. J.—Well, is there such a reason?

U. S.—Yes. The reason why the
Northern Abolitionist-Republicans in of-
fice did not sell out was that they were
capitalists; and it was to their interest
to abolish slavery, and thereby make
labor "free" to compete with itself and
have its members mutually cut one an-
other's throat.

B. J.—Was that the milk in the co-
conut?

U. S.—None other. The reason why
the Revolutionary Fathers of the Con-
tinental Congress did not sell out was that
it was to their interest to keep their
property, and not let King George tax it
away from them.

B. J.—So?

U. S.—Exactly. Likewise with the
Roundheads and the French Revolution-
ists. You will ever find that an eco-
nomic class, when it once acquires a con-
sciousness of its own class interests,
never sells out. Now, then, the people
who become Socialists are either prole-
tarians, workingmen who have reached
a clear understanding of the fact that
they and their families are dead unless
Socialism is established; or they are men
who, without yet being proletarians, are
intelligent enough to realize that their
turn will certainly come when they will
be wage slaves, and who are decent
enough to help, instead of retarding,
human progress. The interests of such
people will hold them straight, as all
other revolutionary classes have been
held straight. No man will sell himself
out. The Socialist gives, by the very
fact of his being one, the strongest guar-
antee that he will be true to his plat-
form.

B. J.—Well, that's reasonable enough.

U. S.—Will you, then, vote the ticket
straight?

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HOW CAPITALISTS DIVIDE AND CONQUER.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—The following extract from a well-known scientific publication will be interesting to the readers of The People. It is self-explanatory and needs no comment.

L. K.
Philadelphia, January 22.

"If the metallurgist in charge of works intends making any radical change in the manner of running his furnaces such as greatly increasing the size of his charge, insisting that nine charges per twenty-four hours shall be smelted instead of eight or some such innovation that is peculiarly offensive to all furnace men and especially to reverberatory men, and has a good practical knowledge of furnace work himself, his best chance of success is to discharge his old gang if they profess that the plan is impossible and put on a gang of strangers who know nothing about furnace work. It is easier to run a furnace on a novel plan with men who know nothing about it than with those who know too much."

"It is difficult to avoid cliques about the furnaces and for the reason a judicious mixture of nationalities will often prevent the deceptions and the attitude of passive resistance to all improvements that characterize a body of experienced furnace men of any one nationality."

"A mixture of Irish and Cornish furnace men with an American foreman usually works well, as the men all dislike and distrust each other so much that they find it impossible to combine against the common enemy."—From "Modern Copper Smelting," by Edward Dyer Peters, Jr., seventh edition, 1895, pages 627-628.

SENATOR CRANE.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—The recent nomination and assured election to the U. S. Senate of State Senator Winthrop Murray Crane, ex-Governor of Massachusetts, affords further evidence of how firm is growing the clutch of the capitalist class upon our law-making bodies.

Senator Crane's principal trust connection is with the American Bell Telephone and Telephone Company, which is the main subsidiary branch of the gigantic Telephone Trust, whose aggregation of stocks and bonds of its subsidiary companies is said to be greater than that of the Standard Oil Company.

Crane is the largest stockholder of American Bell, his holdings of the capital stock of the company, together with that held by his brother Zenas, being over \$1,000,000.

Senator Crane is also heavily interested in stocks and bonds of other telephone companies as branches of the Telephone Trust. He is also a director of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, which is a holding company devised by the American Bell to evade the laws of Massachusetts. When the line-up of capitalist telephone interests takes place in the U. S. Senate, it is easy to conjecture where Crane will stand.

In order to add prestige to Crane's nomination the majority of Democratic State Senators joined their votes with the Republicans, again sustaining the Socialist contention as to the oneness of the two parties, as wings of the capitalist culture. Of the Democratic members of the State Senate, Thomas F. Curley is a conspicuous member.

Senator Curley, while serving a sentence in the Charles Street jail in Boston for violation of the Civil Service laws, was expelled from the House of Representatives. After his sentence was completed he ran for the State senatorship and won out. There had been some talk of expelling him from the Senate, but after the Democratic support given Crane, the talk (buncombe) died out and on the week following Crane's victory, Curley was presented with a silver service along with the right hand of fellowship. The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, another of Senator Crane's pet companies, is being threatened by a rival telephone company making use of automatic switchboards, thus eliminating telephone operators, and incidentally cheapening the cost to subscribers. The Boston Board of Aldermen having granted a franchise to the new telephone company (for financial reasons best known to themselves), the matter came up to Mayor Fitzgerald for his approval or veto.

What that worthy's action was to be soon made evident by a full page advertisement appearing in the mayor's paper, "The Republic," in which advertisement the beauties and

advantages of subscribing only to the N. E. Telephone and Telegraph Company was set forth. After the "ad." appeared Mayor Fitzgerald was charged with having personally collected the advertising fee from the N. E. Telephone and Telegraph Company. On the following day Fitzgerald vetoed the new telephone company's franchise. The new telephone company, however, raised the valid contention that the mayor's veto was six hours too late, the time having expired during which his veto was law. Subsequently, the aldermen passed the franchise over the veto, thus eliminating the possibility of a legal fight. Evidently the mayor bled the N. E. Telephone and Telegraph Company for the price of its advertisement, and then thimble-rigged his veto so as to come in on the new company for a "prize."

The above incident shows the value of the privately-owned press as a means whereby to get bribes a la advertising space. The "Republic" is owned and published by Mayor Fitzgerald and the advertisements from firms interested in getting next to the city treasury via Mayor Fitzgerald is said to net Fitzgerald over a quarter of a million dollars a year. As Fitzgerald's personal campaign expenses were over one hundred thousand dollars last year and his salary as mayor is but \$10,000, the foregoing revenue must approximate the stated sum, as it is his only other visible source of income. The paper poses as the leading Catholic paper of Boston. "Nuff, sed."

Frederic J. Boyle.
Boston, January 22.

THE NOMINATION OF GLANZ.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—In the January 12 issue of The Weekly People, I notice a communication by Wm. Glanz as to his nomination for member of the National Committee of the Socialist Party. I wish to state that the nomination was not a joke, but was made by the writer in good faith in local Redlands, Cal., before Glanz's resignation was known to me, or before it appeared in The Weekly People.

I also wish to state that the reason I placed Glanz in nomination was the stand he took in the Unity Conference of New Jersey and said nomination was carried by local Redlands as one of their candidates.

The writer is not a wage worker, but a petty contractor, who in the past denounced De Leon and the Socialist Labor Party. But my eyes have been opened to the true revolutionary working class movement by a close study of the tactics of the S. P. and the S. L. P. on the economic and political field. After carefully reading the literature of the S. P. and the S. L. P., I hold that The Weekly People is the only clear cut Socialist paper published to-day. And carefully watching the A. F. of L. and its craft union and graft methods of the petty contractors in this city of Redlands, Cal., I therefore upheld Wm. Glanz in the stand he took in the Unity Conference for the I. W. W., the organization that does not allow the petty bourgeoisie to become dominating factors and run it into the ground.

I therefore came to the conclusion that it was such men as Wm. Glanz that we wanted on the N. C. of the S. P.

The nomination was made in good faith and it is the wish of the writer that more Glanzes were among the candidates than there are on the list submitted for our suffrage.

I will remain in the S. P. until the next National Convention. If the party does not throw off its A. F. of L. yoke and its petty bourgeoisie policy, I shall then unite my forces with the S. L. P.

Yours for the Revolution,
Vaso Chupovich.
Redlands, Cal., January 15.

FACTS THAT SPEAK OF SACRIFICE AND ACHIEVEMENT.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—Some time ago it was announced through the columns of the Daily People that the "Socialist Women of Greater New York" (formerly of The Bronx), pledged themselves to raise \$100 towards the Moving Fund. This pledge, at the time, was only an aspiration; and, as the "Socialist Women of Greater New York" like to base themselves only upon accomplished facts, we did not deem it necessary to acquaint the readers of The People with our intention. We always are, and will be, of the opinion that the best policy to pursue is to let facts speak for themselves. But somehow our intentions got abroad and into The People.

Now that the \$100 pledge for the Moving Fund is a fact—\$185 having been

turned in with \$15.50 on hand awaiting to be turned in—it will not be without interest and benefit to the readers of The People to learn the great lesson, given by a pathetic fact, in a most simple, unassuming demonstration of a deep sincere devotion for our cause, that inspired us all to action and success.

On January 3 a meeting of the above named organization took place at the residence of Mrs. Frances Walters, 223 Willis avenue. The centre of attraction was the ticket committee. The report received proved most encouraging. Tickets, providing for the sale of a certain article for the benefit of the fund were printed and ready for distribution; as was also the article itself. We were rather earnest, realizing the hard task before us. Some were even pessimistic. What! Raise \$100?!!!

The chairwoman called for volunteers and suggestions how to make this enterprise the best possible success. "Does anybody wish to have the floor in regard to this matter?" "Yes," answered a gentle voice, meekly. It belonged to a true Socialist woman, a wage slave. "I pledge \$5.00 towards the Moving Fund, the savings for a little dress, but which I had no time to make, as I am working in a shop. But now, that money is needed for the Moving Fund, I am going to overcome my evening laziness and by working a little overtime promise to make that little dress as quick as possible. And I want to have fifty tickets also."

This simple, pathetic declaration acted like a revelation to us. We left that memorable meeting with a lesson deeply impressed upon our hearts and memories. That it went home was demonstrated at the following meeting by the reports presented. One reported \$15.10 worth of tickets sold; another one \$10 worth; a third, so much money collected, and so on down the list. It was one chain of triumphant reports.

Comrades, what have you got to say to the pathetic lesson given to us by our unassuming teacher? Will it not re-echo in your manly breasts, with deep-felt emotion, emulating to action and success?

Anna B. Touroff, Secretary,
Socialist Women of Greater N. Y.
New York, January 24.

APPROPOS OF THE KANSAS CITY AMENDMENT.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—That the Socialist Labor Party, and especially its press, has rendered yeoman service to the I. W. W., none knows better than the avowed and secret enemies of the latter organization; and it is at least very doubtful if the difficulties within the I. W. W. would have culminated successfully, without the assistance of the Party and its press.

So far, so good. Yet, judging by the amendment to the Party constitution, offered by Section Kansas City, the idea seems to prevail that more should and must be done for the I. W. W., which, on the other hand, implies that all for which the Party stands has been done and therefore a wider field is needed to engage and employ our surplus energy. This the writer flatly denies, because he holds that the Party has a mission to fulfill, but there are no signs visible anywhere that the mission is accomplished; on the contrary, nearly all has as yet to be done. Ardent and persistent work is required to do all this, and it does not seem very wise to saddle new burdens to old ones, lest all will be crippled.

As there seem to be persons in our ranks with surplus time and energy it strikes me rather curiously that they have not employed their time and energy to the real advantage of both organizations. In the short time that the I. W. W. has been in existence, it had to contend with quite a number of strikes, and every time, when the strike was of any importance, the complaint was "made public that the respective local capitalist press always sided with the employers and lied in the most shameful manner as regards the workers, notably was this the case in Schenectady."

If the writer is correctly informed there were several thousand men on strike in Schenectady, but there were not a hundred subscribers to our press, though it alone fought their battle. Now, here's the rub. If such criminal negligence is tolerated, every strike or lockout is doomed for the workers. If stress and correction is necessary, here is where it must set in first of all, for to allow or suffer the members to support the capitalist sheets and be betrayed at once in case of need is, indeed, ridiculous and criminal.

Now here is a wide field for all of our members who have time and energy to spare to exert themselves for the benefit of the S. L. P. as well as the I. W. W.; the more so, as it has been entirely neglected so far. Up till now our press has fought all the battles of the I. W. W.; then why not make the rank and file acquainted with it? If this had not been so thoroughly neglected, but better attended to, our own burden would be easier by now, to

the great advantage of the I. W. W. The proposed amendment will not amount to much if things are dragged on in the old rut; at best the Party will become an auxiliary or recruiting station for the I. W. W. but without any reciprocity to the Party. Surely, some of our members have a grand idea of what the Party stands for.

Fred Fellermann.
Hartford, Ct., January 14, 1907.

AN INTERESTING STUDY.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—This growing burg is an interesting study for a Marxian student. Every one and everything depends principally upon the Santa Fe Railway. It has shops here, it is a division, the junction of the California line, the Denver and the Chicago line via Kansas City.

The company has within the last year built a commodious club room with library and reading room. Complaint is heard that the company charged for billiards, pool and ten pins, but paid the city no license for same; also that company was using city water free.

I sat in a business house where the Japs, Mexican and Italian workers were getting their checks cashed. "\$42.70" was all I could hear, for Dec, pay, which I figure is \$1.37½ per day. One can not hear a solitary complaint or remark from the business element in reference to these workers, or what they are being paid. I understand that the Japs, especially are in the machine, blacksmith and boiler shops, and I am positive they are in the round house wiping engines.

I can find nothing but Appeal to Reasonites here. They hold a charter in the I. W. W. One White got \$10, room and board from W. F. of M. convention with the promise that he would return and organize them. He never did nor could they get any word from him. Why? But, strange to say, pure and simple organizers came soon after and organized the carpenters, hod carriers, etc., all of whom were to be installed in the I. W. W. organization. The men I talked to tell me that they would have had the best local west of the Missouri River and east of California, both as to numbers and fighting qualifications. I have sent what particulars I could gather to W. E. Trautmann, and for him to write for further information.

They do not seem to have any knowledge of the last convention as they did not mention it to me or seem to wish for any information. They seemed to deplore the fact that White had done the way he did and that he had done the I. W. W. a great injury. I am very well satisfied there would or could have been a very strong local built up here, but it is also my opinion that they would have been with the Sherman crowd, as they would have had no means of getting information. There are four or five sugar factories in this county and in a year or two I do not doubt but what there will be more Japs, Mexicans and Italians than of all others put together, this is a good field for the S. L. P. to work in.

A Marxian Student.
La Quanita, Colo., January 20.

TOO LATE FOR CORRECTION, AS REQUESTED.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—In the Daily People of January 15, at the beginning of the fourth column of our contribution "As to Politics," an error has slipped through.

We say: "They have taught us not only that the political party agitation is useless but harmful to the industrial organization. From the Pacific to the Atlantic we have seen men eagerly listening to the industrialist speaker, to the expounding of the class struggle, the 'take and hold' theory; but no sooner would the speaker, accidentally being an S. L. P. man, start to show the 'difference' or something of that sort, than the men would turn away with a sneer at the politician!"

We would like to be correctly understood upon this very delicate point, so liable to create an unjust prejudice on the part of the membership of the S. L. P. against us.

Also in column first, Sandgren has not been quoted completely. The paragraph beginning: "The economic organization makes just such demands, etc." is his.

Since you promised that this contribution will be transferred to the Weekly People, we would suggest that these errors be corrected—if this can be done at the present time.

Yours for the Revolution,
Jos. Wagner,
Leon Vasillo.
Edwardsville, Ill., January 20.

OPEN LETTER TO WAYLAND.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 18.
Mr. J. A. Wayland,
Editor and Owner of Appeal to Reason,
Girard, Kansas.

Dear Sir:—
In your issue number 581, page one, under the caption of "Just a word," I

note the following advice: "No capitalist paper that refuses to print labor's side of the Colorado-Idaho controversy should be patronized by any workingman, or woman, or their sympathizers. I mean that literally—STOP THESE PAPERS COMING TO YOUR ADDRESS. WRITE THE EDITOR A CURT NOTE AND TELL HIM WHY. You have a power here that if wielded vigorously in the next few weeks will result in greater publicity than anything else you can do. STOP TAKING THESE UNFAIR CAPITALISTS SHEETS."

From this I assume that you are bitterly opposed to the suppression of the truth; that it is your belief that the truth, and nothing but the truth, should be told, regardless of whom it hurts. This MUST be your belief, since you virtually assert that the capitalist press has no right to lie in its own interests by declaring it to be "unfair" when it suppresses labor's side of the Colorado-Idaho conspiracy. I also gather that you do not believe in unfairness to an opponent; that both sides of a controversy should be placed before "the people" that they may be enabled to weigh and judge the matter intelligently; believing that when they are in possession of all facts from both sides that the truth will ever triumph over the lie. I have also gathered from your columns that it is your belief that men never lie, never suppress the truth but from motives of self interest, which motives are always and ever at variance with justice and right and are a menace to the common welfare. Do I understand you correctly? That is to say, do you really believe in fairness and that the truth should always be told?

If so, what I wish to point out to you is this: Your denunciation of the capitalist press is very fine, but your words are utterly at variance with your actions, for, if the capitalist press is "unfair" when it suppresses labor's side of this controversy, what defense have you to make for the outrageous manner in which you have suppressed the side of the revolutionists in the last I. W. W. convention? If it is an infamy for a capitalist paper to suppress truth that menaces its interests, by what process of reasoning do you arrive at the conclusion that you are a paragon of virtue when you suppress truth and give no better reason therefor than your personal hatred of one man? And, if you have not suppressed the truth, if the revolutionary Socialists are liars and the champions of a lie, why is it that you refuse them space in the Appeal to reply to you? You who denounce the capitalist press week in and week out for suppression, you who have said time after time that the refusal of the capitalist press to publish Socialist articles was a confession of their weakness and wrong, when you suppress the voice of men who have aided you well and unselfishly, how do you justify yourself? Reasoning from your own premises, are we not bound to arrive at the conclusion that, like the capitalist press, you suppress these voices because you fear, from some ulterior motive, the words they would speak? Are we not justified in concluding that they are right and you are wrong, else, were it not so, you would not hesitate to open your columns to discussion? Hidebound as are the papers down here, unfair as is the capitalist press, not even the worst of them has suppressed the Socialist side of controversies as brutally as you have suppressed the voice of the revolutionists in the I. W. W. convention. Yet, notwithstanding this you advise us to "stop these papers, these unfair capitalist sheets, coming to our address?" If we take your advice would it not logically follow that every Industrial Unionist in this country should at once cease receiving a paper so unfair to them as is yours? If not why not? By what alchemy do you transmute that which is infamous in a Capitalist editor to be virtue in yourself?

Answer me, or, if you cannot do so, hand this letter to Comrade Debs when he enters your office, as he says he intends to do, and ask him to let me know how he can associate with those who have no reverence for the truth, with those who denounce the censorship of the Czar, but do not hesitate to suppress the voice of these he helped to lead into the battle for Socialist Unionism?

Ask him how he can bring himself to use his own loved name and the magic name of Haywood to help increase the circulation of a paper that violates every principle for which they both stand?

Ask him if he and Haywood are going to desert us after leading us into this fight?

In conclusion, a copy of this letter goes to the New York "People"—if you keep it from the comrades of the Socialist party, they will not.

Awaiting your reply, I remain,
Yours for the Revolution,
Covington Hall.

Watch the label on your paper. It will tell you when your subscription expires. First number indicates the month, second, the day, third the year.

LETTER-BOX

OFF-HAND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

NO QUESTIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED THAT COME IN ANONYMOUS LETTERS. ALL LETTERS MUST CARRY A BONA FIDE SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS.

W. W., NEW YORK.—The right of way in the discussion "As to Politics" is now given only to those who oppose political action. There are several such at hand now. No space for more than one a week.

S. E. D., WACO, TEX.—Mahoney, the "Acting President of the W. F. of M." wrote in "Full Regiments" to Sherman—"I recognize you as the President of the I. W. W." The Executive Board of the W. F. of M. repudiated this stand by deciding to side with neither side until their own convention shall decide.

C. H., NEW YORK.—As to the difference between the platforms of the Socialist Labor Party and the Socialist party?—the latter has been well described by Berger (S. P.) as "a literary pronouncement." The S. L. P. platform is a sociologic document.

P. L. Q., NEWARK, N. J.—First—The letter to the Transvaal was not published sooner because its publication required the sanction of the N. E. C.

Second—E. Ducommun, who received the Nobel prize for peace in 1902, was a Swiss; W. E. R. Cremer, who received the same prize in 1904, was an Englishman.

F. J. B., REVERE, MASS.—The suggestion for the distribution and subdivision of matter in Daily and Weekly People is good. Thankfully received. Shall be kept in mind. But think not it is disregarded if appearances should indicate it is not followed. It may seem strange, but is a fact, that such matters depend greatly upon the mechanical capacities of a paper. Now, then, the mechanical capacities of a paper, that does not and may not depend upon advertisements, nor upon hush-money from labor fakirs, are limited.

C. P., CHICAGO, ILL.—Such a complaint, or memorial, should first be addressed to the headquarters of the I. W. W., Bush Temple, Chicago Ave., and No. Clark Street, in your city.

M. H. S., CHAMPAIGN, ILL.—Now to your sixth question—

Lawrence Call's figures and statistical reasoning are correct. Only one per cent. of the population now own ninety per cent. of the national wealth. A corps of 121 assistants has been engaged to hunt up the facts for your remaining questions. Soon as they report, answers will be given.

W. A. S., SIDNEY, N. S. W.—Each State in the Union follows its own "genius" in the matter of the ballot. Even in the States where the "Australian" system is said to prevail, the variations are numerous. In Massachusetts the candidates are assorted alphabetically under the head of the different offices run for. In New York each party has a column on which all the party's candidates are entered. Each column is headed by the party's name, and that is surmounted by the party's "Emblem." Underneath that "Emblem" is a circle. If a person wants to vote a certain party's ticket straight, he can do so in two ways—either make a cross in the circle, and nothing more; or make a cross in front of the names of all the candidates down the line. If a voter does not make a cross in any circle, then his vote counts only for the individual candidates before whose name his cross appears. If a voter makes a cross in the circle of one party and one or more crosses before a candidate or candidates under another circle, it means that he votes the whole ticket in whose circle he has made a cross, except for those candidates in that column whom he has "scratched" by specifically voting for

individual and corresponding candidates under some other circle.—The above answers question five also, as to voting for candidates of different parties.
Next question next week.

M. B., SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—In order to give an opinion on the bill, something more is needed than a report of it. Let's have the bill itself.

C. O. G., DENVER, COLO.—Mr. Adolf Lowenthal, the associate of Breyer in running the A. F. of L. Cloth Spongers' Union in the interest of the larger concerns, is, of course, an S. P. man. He also happens to be one of the members of the Volkszeitung Corporation who, on the night of July 10, 1899, attempted to take forcible possession of The People, and was bundled out for his pains.

E. C., PROVIDENCE, R. I.—The open letter to Chancellor Day of Syracuse is good and will be published provided you allow your name to appear in full as the signer. An open letter should not be published anonymously. Initials for signature are anonymous.

S. W., ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Continue reading. Whosoever in the S. P. accuses The People of vilification utters a direct and an indirect untruth. It is an indirect untruth in that it implies that the S. P. press is a clean affair, whereas vilification is its only weapon towards the S. L. P. It is a direct untruth seeing that, as you happily express it, "The People is no more a villifier than the Bible is a villifier when it calls Judas Iscariot the names we all know."

T. L., WATERBURY, CONN.—In the first place read just above. In the second place, The People is not intended as a substitute for a cigar or a game of pinochle to idle men; or men intellectually lazy.

H. F. F., SOUTH MANCHESTER, N. H.—Certainly! certainly! Come out with any criticism of the S. L. P. that may be weighing on your chest. The People is no private property. It wants light, and cannot profit by turning down the light. Only make your article concise and clear.

J. D. J., MADISON, WIS.—Whence that notion that the capitalist class have developed "the knack of government"? Capitalists are such poor governors (all sneaks are) that they find it necessary to hire politicians to do the governing for them. The feudal lord himself governed; the capitalist lord buys men who are in the political business—self-appointed specialists in governing.

G. A., NEW YORK.—"Whoso, clinging to a rope, severeth it above his hands, must fall; it being no defense to claim that the rest of the rope is sound, neither any deliverance from peril, as he shall find."—Your S. P. cannot live without the Volkszeitung Corporation. Cut that rope above your head and you will founder worse than you are floundering now. Terra firma lies within the S. L. P. and the I. W. W.

V. H. K., NEW YORK; C. R., NEW YORK; H. L. H., CAMBRIDGEPORT, MASS.; L. M. G., HAMILTON, CANADA; W. R. P., SEATTLE, WASH.; M. S., SCHENECTADY, N. Y.; M. W. M., GRASS VALLEY, CAL.; L. H., LOWELL, ARIZ.; J. E., VENTURA, NEV.; B. J., BULLFROG, NEV.; J. T., CHICAGO, ILL.; F. W. A., CHARLESTON, S. C.; N. D. K., WATERTOWN, N. Y.; J. S., PROVIDENCE, R. I.; E. C., MARION, IND.; J. F. W., WINONA, MINN.; A. M. S., GAGETOWN, MICH.; W. S., FREDONIA, KANS.—Matter received.

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N. E. C. SUB COMMITTEE.

Regular meeting of N. E. C. sub committee held on Sunday, January 27, 1907, at 2-6 New Reade street. Eek chairman, and Olpp secretary, pro tem. Present, Connolly, Romary, Walters, Jacobson, Moren, McCormick, Chase, Crawford, Heyman, and Vaughan. Absent, Teichlauf and Wilton. (kindly note and attend next meeting.)

Organizer Abelson appeared in behalf of Section New York, asking for an interpretation of Art. 2 Section 14, in reference to members stricken from rolls. Motion, that a member stricken from rolls for non-payment of dues on paying 6 months dues be again considered a member without reapplying for admission, was carried.

Moren and Heyman were elected recording sec'y and treasurer respectively. Nominations of an Auditing committee resulted in the following, Lechner, A. Levine, Traurig, H. Teichlauf, L. Laferty, J. Scheruer, J. Hammer and E. Moonella. The committee will consist of three members. The National Secretary was instructed to write and inquire whom of the above nominees would accept.

Crawford, Heyman, Connolly, Teichlauf and Olpp were elected as a press committee.

It was decided that the sub committee recommend to the members of the N. E. C. that copies of the proceedings of the N. E. C. meetings be sent to the secretaries of all State Committees. Secretary was instructed to request the N. E. C. members to answer this recommendation within one month.

A communication was received from Fred Fellerman of New Haven in connection with party press management. John Hossack appeared before the committee, expressing his willingness to accept the management with B. Touroff as associate manager. Upon discussion of further nominees Hossack was elected manager of Labor News Co. with Touroff as associate.

In the matter of Section Tacoma, Wash. a special committee was elected to report at the next meeting. Vaughan, Walters and McCormick being the committee.

A communication from Lazarus Abelson, organizer of Section New York containing a request of the section to have the series of lectures delivered by National Secretary Frank Bohn published by the Labor News Co., was referred to Press committee.

From State secretary of Virginia, in relation to the inadequate number of stamps purchased by Section Roanoke, and asking whether a member in arrears with his dues has a right to vote at party meetings. It was decided to instruct the Virginia state committee that it is the sense of this committee that a member is entitled to vote until he is in arrears with his dues for not more than three months.

It was decided to have the party constitution printed in the German language.

National Secretary, Frank Bohn reported that he closed the lease for the building at 28 City Hall place.

The financial report was then given by the treasurer for week ending, January 24th, income, \$94.85; expenses, \$98.08. For the week ending January 12, income, \$48.55; expenses, \$20.54. For the week ending January 19, income, \$16.40; expenses, \$19.47. For the week ending January 26, income, \$29.00; expenses, \$64.41.

A picture presented by a comrade from Yonkers, the proceeds from the sale of which are to go to the Moving Fund, was referred to the Socialist Women of Greater New York.

It was decided to notify Section Kings County to elect a member to sub committee, in place of Henry Kuhn, who did not accept.

A motion to photograph the new quarters of party, resulted in leaving the matter in the hands of comrade Hossack. Adjournment followed.

A. Moren, Rec. Sec'y.

N. Y. S. E. C.

Regular meeting held at headquarters, Daily People building, 2-6 New Reade street, New York City, on Friday, January 25. Lechner in chair. Kuhn and Archer absent. Minutes approved.

Correspondence, vote on nominations for candidates for S. E. C. members, from Section Kings, New York and Scandinavian. The vote showed that Kuhn, Lechner, Ebert, Olpp, Walsh, Augustine, Neuhaus, Teichlauf, Moren,

Mueller, Archer, Hurwitz, Englert and Moonella were elected the candidates, in the order given. From Section New York requesting replacement of lost stamps. Granted. From Section Onondaga, (Syracuse) requesting information on result of recent circular "On Agitation." Referred to Correspondence Bureau for answer.

Correspondence Bureau reported on progress of organization work in Queens; on letter from Patchogue, L. I. reporting speech of J. L. B. Gariety, socialist party substitute for John C. Chase, at meeting in that town; on correspondence with Section Gloversville and Newburgh; on letters received from Section Schenectady and Albany, both of whom have enthusiastically adopted tri-city lecture plan suggested by this committee, and will launch it, beginning first Sunday in February; on Jamestown spring campaign, which section Chataqua will enter, aided by Boris Reinstein of Buffalo, acting at the request of and on behalf of the S. E. C. Report received, endorsed and Patchogue letter ordered published in the People.

Secretary reported having issued call and blanks for general vote for S. E. C. members. Endorsed. Meeting then adjourned.

J. Ebert, Sec'y.

CANADIAN N. E. C.

Regular meeting of N. E. C., London, Canada, January 11th. Pearce in chair. Weber absent, no excuse. Minutes adopted after correction.

Communications: From James H. Thompson of Vancouver. The secretary was ordered to send him constitution and draw attention to clause 15, section 2.

From New York Labor News Co. sending receipt to N. E. C. in full for \$21.50—re constitutions, received and filed. From New York Labor News Co. a bill of the defunct section of Hamilton for \$5.24. Referred to R. E. Burns and members at large in Hamilton; 5 voting for 1 contra. From J. Hucks of Hamilton sending in application card properly filled out; admitted as a member-at-large. From R. E. Burns of Hamilton, giving information re city elections and asking whether his position of repudiating Barrett as a Socialist candidate was correct. Carried unanimously to inform Burns that his position was correct. From J. Wakefield and W. J. Dorman of Montreal; ordered to be sent to the organizer of Section Montreal. From Leach of Montreal saying that section was now doing business as it should and sending \$100 for constitutions. Secretary reported answering, which was endorsed. From Section London sending in report 10 members in good standing. Same received and filed.

W. D. Forbes, Secretary.

CHICAGO ATTENTION!

Section Chicago, Socialist Labor Party is going into the Spring campaign and has nominated a city ticket as follows: Mayor, J. Billow; City Clerk, M. Billow; City Treasurer, T. M. Davis.

In order to have a place on the ballot it will be necessary to secure seven thousand signatures, which means that all our friends will have to set to work. We call upon all comrades and sympathizers to help us along in securing these signatures. The time is short, for the petitions must be in by the 28th of February. To get them we must set to work at once.

All those wishing to get petitions can do so by writing to the undersigned who will forward them promptly.

T. M. Davis, 142 Potomac Ave.

ATTENTION, BOSTON.

George Nelson will speak on "Organization and the Class Struggle," at the S. L. P. headquarters, Room 1, 1105 Tremont street, at 3 p. m., Sunday, February 3, 1907.

Readers of the People are invited to attend. Bring your friends. The committee in charge will guarantee an interesting lecture, with free discussion.

DE LEON TOUR.

Arrangements for the tour of Daniel De Leon are now so far advanced as to permit the announcement that the opening address will be made Sunday, March 3, at New Castle, Pa. The tour will take from six to eight weeks and all important cities west of St. Louis will be visited. Most of the important points have been heard from, invariably requesting a date. Some slow sections, however, are urged to send answers to my late letter without further delay, so that dates may be assigned.

Frank Bohn,

National Secretary, S. L. P.

LOS ANGELES I. W. W.

Los Angeles, January 21.—A very progressive step in the labor movement was taken here in Los Angeles last Wednesday evening at Mammoth Hall. A good healthy I. W. W. Building Constructors' local was launched, several men who have been prominent in the A. F. of L. had become so disgusted with craft unionism they decided to unite in the I. W. W. and throw off the Gompers craft yoke forever.

EUREKA INCIDENT

BUT ONE OF MANY IN CONFLICT BETWEEN EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE.

Significant Nevertheless On Account of Its Universality—The Part Played by the Craft Union in It—How To Prevent a Recurrence.

Eureka, Cal., January 21.—The enclosed article, rejected by the editor of the Humboldt Daily Times, on the ground that "it does not deal with the situation, but takes advantage of it to propagate views, good, bad or indifferent," was ordered sent to The People, with a request for publication. The incident referred to therein occurred on the afternoon of January 8 in Eureka. A number of non-union stevedores, on their way home from work, were met by a body of union men or sympathizers. Hot words ensued, followed by a fight in which shots were exchanged from both sides, resulting in the death of two non-union men—Albert and Wm. Jenks, and in the serious wounding of one union man—John Hayes. A coroner's jury of business men, sitting inquest over the remains of the two Jenks, brought in a verdict implicating about thirty members of the Eureka Longshoremen's Union, three of whom are in jail under the charge of murder. The shooting affair is an aftermath of the recent strike of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific. During the progress of that strike the lumber and freight companies of this county took advantage of the craft divisions obtaining, to form what is known as the Humboldt Stevedores' Association, "for the loading and unloading of vessels without interference from any union." About two hundred non-union stevedores were imported, and the union longshoremen locked out from all except a very few vessels. Since the affray of January 8 the lockout has been extended until now scarcely twenty union stevedores out of 250 are employed in this port. The sailors settled their strike on the basis of the non-recognition of any other union, and, of course, are working here with the "scab" stevedores.

Press Committee, Local 330, I. W. W.

Editor Times.—The deplorable incident of the afternoon of January 8, in which two non-union workmen lost their lives and one union man lies in the hospital with a bullet in his body, has been the occasion of much excited comment by Eureka citizens. That conclusions have been diverse and conflicting was to be expected, when we take into account the different interests of the commentators and the various standpoints from which they look at the incident. But with due respect to the opinions of others, it appears to us the greater number of those who have discussed this unfortunate affair have missed its real significance. Hence we beg a little space in the "Times" to present our view, assuming entire responsibility for the conclusions herein set forth.

Such an affair as a fight between union and non-union workmen is by no means uncommon. It happens almost universally in industrial conflicts. Hardly a strike of any size has taken place in this country in the past thirty years which has not been accompanied by more or less violence or bloodshed. On account of its universality, the Eureka incident is therefore all the more significant. It points to a world-wide, deep-seated cause for such events, wherever they may occur. That underlying cause is found in the modern system of industry, which keeps society divided into two economic classes with opposing interests. On the one hand stands the class that owns the land and capital of the nation and employs labor to make profits; on the other hand the class that possesses nothing but labor power, and receives wages in return for the use of that labor power sold to the owners of land and capital. The working class, using the tools of production and the raw materials obtained from the land, produces all wealth. The product of the toilers is divided into two parts—that which the workers get, wages; and that which their employers keep, profits. It cannot be divided in any other way. As a consequence of this economic relationship between the class that gets profits and the class that receives wages, there is a constant and unavoidable conflict of interests. The employer wants more profits. He can only get them by reducing wages. The worker wants more wages. He can only get them by reducing profits. Hence the inevitable war between these two classes. The employers organize to carry on that war—to further their interests; the workers in turn form unions to resist the aggressions of their masters.

From the standpoint of the employing class the whole problem consists in keeping the workers divided and fighting each other. While various institutions are employed to this end, probably the most effective means, strange as it may seem at first thought, is the craft union. That union is organized on the lines of past industrial conditions. Consequently, instead of uniting the working class into a solid, well-disciplined body to meet the power of the united employers, the craft union divides the workers into a multitude of independent bodies or crafts, which are powerless to resist the aggressions of the employers. Furthermore, most of these craft unions form themselves into close guilds, or job trusts, excluding their fellow workers by means of high admission fees, apprenticeship restrictions and other devices to limit the membership of the union to the number of jobs available in the community.

Here is how it works: A number of employees, wishing to improve their condition, or prevent wages from declining, form a union, say of stevedores. Knowing that numbers are necessary to strength, this new union makes conditions for admission easy at the start. The initiation fee is placed, say at \$2.00 to begin with. After a time the number of men in the union commence to crowd the number of jobs in sight. Then the fee is increased—it leaps upward to \$5; then to \$10; to \$25, or higher. Other restrictions to membership are imposed. Perhaps the books of the union are closed, and all further applicants denied admission on any terms. All such applicants who attempt to work as non-union men are branded "scabs" by the union. Now the employer appears on the stage to play his role. He has the union at his mercy and does not hesitate to use his advantage to the utmost. The employer begins to turn the screws. A strike is ordered, or perhaps a lockout. The employers organize a stevedores' association and proceed to import strike breakers. Most of these strike breakers are ex-union men, who in their ignorance have been made "scabs" through sad experiences with high admission fees and closed unions. Some of them are professional strike breakers, picked for the most part out of the slums of cities, and ready at all times for adventures involving violence. Quite often, one or two such adventurers are introduced into the union, where they work on hot-headed members to incite them to lawless actions. Union and non-union men meet. Fist fights ensue. At another encounter clubs may be used, and, finally, the community is shocked by the crime of murder. The organs and agencies of so-called "public opinion" are turned loose against the strikers, and the circle is rounded—the union goes out of business. But the round begins again with the strike breakers, who, in time, themselves form a union to resist a reduction of wages or some other manoeuvre of their employers. And the same sad experiences are repeated in substantially the same way.

Such, in brief, is the story of many a craft union, as all will testify who have followed intelligently the history of the American labor movement.

To prevent a recurrence of such deplorable affairs as that of January 8 is not possible so long as the workers are divided in craft unions, "where one set of workers is pitted against another set of workers in the same industry, thereby helping to defeat one another in wage wars." Only by uniting the forces of labor, so that "an injury to one worker is regarded as an injury to all"; only by organizing to fight the inevitable war with the employing class—only thus will the workers cease fighting among themselves, obtain better conditions for their class, and finally secure the necessary power and training to assume control of industry and organize the Republic of Labor, wherein economic classes shall have been done away with, and each worker shall receive not a part only of what he produces, but the full value of his product.

Press Committee, Local 330, I. W. W.
B. H. Williams, Secretary.
Eureka, Cal., January 17.

COFFIN NAILS

For Capitalism—The Way to Drive Them In.

To Individual members, Sections and Sympathizers of the Socialist Labor Party.

Comrades:—The Socialist Labor Party of Greater New York will celebrate their annual Spring Festival by holding a Concert and Ball at Grand Central Palace on Sunday, March 17th. As in the past a Bazaar and Fair will be held in conjunction with this affair and we call upon you to do your share in making it a success. Whatever you may be able to produce yourselves or by calling upon your wives, sisters and sweethearts who are talented with the needle or otherwise gifted in making objects for this purpose, the committee will do its best to dispose of profitably for the benefit of the Daily People. We do not think it is necessary to here emphasize at length the importance of strengthening financially the daily organ that gives expression to the as-

GOING FORWARD

DESPITE SETBACKS IS REVOLUTION IN GOLDFIELD, NEVADA.

Capitalists, Saved From Complete Drubbing in Strike by Conservatives, Find Working Class Very Much Alive—Monster Joint Bloody Sunday and Meyer-Haywood Demonstration Tells the Tale.

Goldfield, Nev., January 22.—Due to the exorbitant prices for necessities of life, Goldfield Miners' Union amended their constitution and by-laws to read, "\$5 shall be the minimum scale for all work in and around the mines, mills and smelters. Company to furnish gum clothes in all wet workings." This amendment was read at three meetings and voted on. At the third reading our big hall was taxed to its capacity, and during the discussion . . . attempt made to oppose the amendment. The amendment carried with not a dissenting vote.

The scale went into effect the second day following. The respective companies were notified. No attempt at negotiation was made from either side. The miners were enjoying their enforced holiday. A stranger could not tell that Goldfield was the scene of a class conflict.

But our enemy was not asleep. One lease after another shut down. In the meantime, the stock went down and something had to be done and a scheme was evolved in their capitalist empty heads, which they must have learned from the Civic Federation. They submitted a proposition wherein they acknowledged our wrongs and misery, but alleged they were going to do away with them by co-operating with the Union and build a store and lower the cost of living; they also wanted to build change rooms and compel the miners to use them. This proposition was submitted and the miners turned it down as an insult, not one voting for it. Officers and committees were instructed not to submit to anything less than a \$5 scale.

By this time the outside world knew something was happening. The mouthpieces of the capitalist class had falsely stated that toughs, anarchists and agitators were in Goldfield committing all sorts of crimes, under the leadership of Vincent St. John, "the trouble breeder."

Our benevolent Lord, "Automatie George," who is sometimes called, George Wingfield, uttered himself to the effect that the miners of Goldfield were a bad lot, being composed of thugs, who had been driven out of every camp in the west. The Denver "Post" and Cripple Creek "Times," stated that the Goldfield mine owners had employed Sheriff Bell and 50 fearless gun fighters from Cripple Creek to come here and clean up the camp.

This George Wingfield is a millionaire mine owner and partner of Senator Nixon. George used to be a cowboy and graduated to a cardsharp and knight of the loaded dice. Not very long ago the Coast papers published a scandal which took place in Frisco, in one of the leading hotels. The ex-love of Gambler George (who had been a resident of the red light district in Goldfield and Tonopah), threatened to kill Millionaire George, who she claimed to be her husband; and he denies he has been living with her in time of poverty; and they had schemed together marking cards and she had furnished him with money; and now he has forsaken her. Old, old story of the west. This man is accusing the miners of being thieves and thugs!

During all this time, the strike was playing havoc with the stock market, the life of the wildcats. The stockholders got uneasy, as did some of our members who held a few shares. Stockbroker and

pirations of the English speaking revolutionary proletariat of America. Suffice it to say that all aid given to the Daily People is so many more nails in the coffin of capitalism. You cannot better employ your moments of leisure between now and March 17th than by creating some object for this Bazaar and Fair.

IMPROVED RECORD.

(Continued from page four)
once on the bills which you have received within the past ten days. In view of the splendid results for the call for the Moving Fund the claim that other payments cannot be made at present might seem justified, but we notice that the Moving Fund is coming largely from Sections and others who also keep their accounts here paid up.

Our instructions now are to enforce the order of the 1904 National Convention—prohibiting us to extend credit. We shall from this on enforce the rule to the extent of granting credit only

Pinkertons were scattering discipline in our ranks; and found an easy mark with those whose horizon is a job and a good master to prejudice him against the agitators. They give their masters the opportunity to pave the way for a little concession, so they would not be defeated altogether.

The mine owners sought a second conference. The president appointed a committee, with himself as one. They submitted a proposition, \$5 shall be the minimum scale for all skilled labor and underground work and rubber furnished where needed and \$4.50 for common labor on top; also change room. The committee submitted this proposition against the decision of the previous meeting. When confronted with the minutes of previous meeting, the President said he not only submitted it but recommended its adoption.

One member of the committee excused himself saying he was ignorant of former meeting's proceedings and advised everybody to vote the report down. But the stockholders and Jobites were there to howl down any attempt to appeal to their manhood so the proposition was left to a referendum vote, which carried as submitted, 1,294 for and 554 against.

The class war of Goldfield is temporarily over. We, the minority, beat our employer but were prevented from giving him a complete drubbing by our own brother members. But we are not despairing. There were 554 men who revolted against such treatment and every one of them would gladly submit, if the Goldfield Miners' Union had proved themselves true to the preamble of the I. W. W. which says that an injury to one is an injury to all and had stood for the topmen as well as they did for themselves.

Karl Marx has well said in his 18th Brumaire, something to this effect: The Working Class spontaneously is moving towards its emancipation and getting defeated; but it looks back with scorn on its former attempts and tries again till it goes so far that it cannot go back. So did the working class of Goldfield. The night they took the defeat, they were not like dogs, sinking away; their aspirations would not let them. They decided to remember the second anniversary of Bloody Sunday and demonstrate against the imprisonment of our brothers in the Idaho jail. A monster parade was the result. On Sunday, the 20th of January, all the members of the Union assembled at 10 A. M. in front of the hall, decorated themselves with red badges inscribed in black, "Anniversary Bloody Sunday. Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone." They lined up 3,000 strong to march behind banners like this: "Second Anniversary of St. Petersburg Massacre. Shall Our Brothers Be Murdered? If they pack a jury to hang our men, we will pack Hell full with them." After the parade the men assembled in front of hall where Vincent St. John gave a short but forceful address. At 7.30 P. M. we had a mass meeting in the hall, which was attended to the full capacity of the hall. Several speeches showed up the crimes of the capitalist class, as they were perpetrated on the working class. Robert Randall spoke on the massacre at St. Petersburg and what led up to it. Morris Preston followed by showing the capitalist class of America were using the same methods as the Czar of Russia. After him came St. John.

St. John said the capitalist had committed three strokes against the working class. On two of them the curtain had been rung down, dyed with the blood of martyrs of the working class, one the Mollie McGuire, the other, the Chicago hanging in 1887.

"Now," he thundered, "shall this third curtain be rung down the same way? Are you going to see the blood of these three men spilled? If you do, you will go down in slavery. For some time to come you will be lower curs than dogs and won't deserve anything but the kicks of your masters."

"For my part," he went on, "every word that banner contains," pointing to it and reading, "If they pack the jury to hang our men, we will pack Hell full with them," I mean." Here St. John was interrupted by applause, which lasted for several minutes; and cries, such as "here too," and "we'll be there," "you're not the only one," were heard all over the hall. Two resolutions, one on Bloody Sunday another on the imprisonment of our brothers were read and adopted with much applause. After adoption the floor was given to everybody who desired to take it. Several more then spoke.

The meeting, like the parade, proved to be a howling success. Therefore, I said Marx spoke too well; the working class will instinctively resent the blows which are struck at it from time to time; and the capitalist to-day is shaking in his stolen boots. He cannot flee from the class struggle no more than Frankenstein could from the creature of his own creation.

To these upon whom we can rely for prompt and regular payment.

Pay up your bills and untie our hands.

SECTION CALENDAR.

Under this head we shall publish standing advertisements of Section headquarters, or other permanent announcements. The charge will be five dollars a year for five lines.

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General Committee, New York County—Second and fourth Saturday in the month, at Daily People building, 2-6 New Reade street, Manhattan.

Offices of Section New York County at Daily People building, 2-6 New Reade street, Manhattan.

Los Angeles, Cal., Headquarters and public reading rooms at 409 East Seventh street. Public educational meetings Sunday evenings. People readers are invited to our rooms and meetings.

Section Chicago, Ill., meets second and fourth Wednesday in the month, 8 p. m. at 592 Fulton street.

Sec. Cleveland, Ohio, S. L. P. meets every alternate Sunday, beginning first Sunday in November, 1906, at 256 Ontario street (Ger. Am. Bank Bldg.) top floor, at 3 P. M.

Headquarters Section Cincinnati, O., S. L. P., at I. W. W. Hall, 12th and Jackson streets. General Committee meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday. German, Jewish and Hungarian educational meetings every Wednesday and Sunday. Open every night.

Section Bisbee, Arizona, is still alive and kicking. All S. L. P. men coming to Bisbee, please communicate with M. A. Aaron, General Delivery.

Section Spokane, Wash., S. L. P. free reading room 217 Front avenue. Visiting comrades, I. W. W. members and all others invited. Business meetings every Sunday morning 11 a. m.

Section San Francisco, Cal., S. L. P. Headquarters, Hungarian Socialist Federation, Lettishian Socialist Labor Federation, 709 Octavia street.

Section Allentown, Pa., S. L. P. meets every first Saturday in the month at 8 p. m. Headquarters 815 Hamilton street.

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